

Mitchell, rector of the high school, Quebec, was appointed a member of the committee for preparing examination papers for teachers' diplomas. The committee adjourned till Wednesday, 26th May.

GEORGE WEIR, Secretary.

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The annual school meetings have nearly all taken place, on the date specified in the statute, viz., on the first Monday in February; and wherever there were two parties, there has been the usual struggle, followed, in many cases, by letters from both parties to the Superintendent.

The elections in Winnipeg resulted in the return of Messrs. Belch, Stewart, and Mulvey, old members of the Trustee Board, and Messrs. Markham and Rowe.

Messrs. Belch and Stewart have been re-elected Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

Emerson, having quite recently been incorporated as a town, has had its limits as a school district re-adjusted, to correspond with the limits of the corporation, and is now taking advantage of the special clauses in the school law which relate to cities and towns. Having three wards, it is entitled to a Board consisting of nine Trustees. The annual meeting resulted in the election of the following, viz.:—North ward—Messrs. F. Lane, J. W. Whitman, and F. E. Burnham. South ward—Messrs. Chalmers, Armstrong, and Jas. Guthrie. West ward—Messrs. Bradley, Fairbanks, and W. McKechnie.

The meeting adopted a resolution recommending the Trustees to raise \$5,000 by debentures for the erection of a new school-house.

The Rev. L. O. Armstrong has been elected chairman, and W. McKechnie Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. T. S. Menary has been re-engaged as teacher.

The number of teachers in the Winnipeg Public Schools has been increased. The following is the staff for the current year.—J. B. Ferguson, Principal; P. C. McIntyre, A. H. McIntyre, Mrs. Chisholm, Miss Shore, Miss Wright, Miss McLlroy, Miss S. Harvey, Miss Eyres, and Miss McEwen.

Arrangements are being made to hire an assistant teacher at Portage la Prairie. The present teacher is J. C. Ferguson.

It is likely that a new school house will be built in Selkirk during the summer. Miss Eliza Spencer, who is teacher there, is winning golden opinions from all parties for the very marked progress which her pupils have made during the past year.

There was a large number of candidates at the recent examination of teachers. The Board of Education have, just now, an unusually large number of petitions asking for the creation of school districts in townships hitherto not included in any district. Undoubtedly there will be a large increase in the number of public schools during the year.

Readings and Recitations.

A LESSON.

A little elbow leans upon your knee—
Your tired knee that has so much to bear—
A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly
From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
Of warm, moist fingers holding yours so tight;
You do not prize the blessings overmuch—
You almost are too tired to pray to-night.

But it is blessedness! A year ago
I did not see it as I do to-day—
We are all so dull and thankless, and too slow
To catch the sunshine till it slips away.
And now it seems surpassing strange to me
That while I wore the badge of motherhood
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
The little child that brought me only good.

And if, some night, when you sit down to rest,
You miss the elbow on your tired knee—
This restless curly head from off your breast,
This lisping tongue that chatters constantly;
If from your own the dimpled hands had slipped,
And ne'er would nestle in your palm again,
If the white feet into the grave had tripped—
I could not blame you for your heartache then.

I wonder that some mothers ever fret
Their little children clinging to their gown;
Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,
Are ever black enough to make them frown;
If I could find a little muddy boot,
Or cap, or jacket, on my chamber floor—
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot
And hear it patter in my house once more;

If I could mend a broken cart to-day,
To-morrow make a kite to reach the sky,
There is no woman in God's world could say
She was more blissfully content than I!
But ah! the dainty pillow next my own
Is never rumpled by a shining head!
My singing birdling from its nest has flown—
The little boy I used to kiss—is dead.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

HALTON.—Halton County Teachers' Association will hold its regular half-yearly meeting at Milton, in the head master's room, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11th, 12th and 13th of March, 1880. PROGRAMME.—Thursday, March 11th, forenoon session, 10.30 a.m.—Opening, reading minutes; appointing committees; reports of Committees. Afternoon session, 1.30 p.m.—Composition to Junior Classes, Mr. R. E. Harrison, S. S. S. Nelson; Writing, N. Burns, B.A., Principal of Georgetown Academy; School Hygiene, by Dr. Freeman, of Milton. Evening session, 7.30 p.m.—Lecture in the Town Hall, by J. A. McLellan, M.A., LL.D., H. S. L., subject, "National Education." Friday, March 12th, forenoon session—Opening, calling the roll; Grammar, Mr. A. J. Moore, Georgetown; Algebra, Dr. McLellan. Afternoon session, 1.30 p.m.—Reading, Dr. McLellan; Arithmetic, Mr. Thos. Moore, Acton; Literature, Dr. McLellan. Evening meeting to be arranged for at the Convention. Saturday morning, March 13, 9 a.m.—Opening, calling the roll; Librarian's Report; Question Drawer; Election of officers. R. COATES, Secretary.

NORTH WELLINGTON.—The semi-annual meeting will be held in the Central School, Mount Forest, on Thursday and Friday, March 11th and 12th, 1880. PROGRAMME.—1. Appointment of Committees; 2. Question Drawer opened; 3. How to teach lesson on page 223 of Fourth Book—H. Bailey, head master Mount Forest public school; Critics, Messrs. Denton, Black and Varcoe. 4. Object Lesson with class, and essay on Object Teaching, Miss R. Mitchell, Mount Forest public school; Critics, Messrs. R. Hamilton, Froure and Copland. 5. Reading with Third Class, Miss Burnie, Mount Forest P. S., Critics, Messrs. Reid, Craig and Ironside. 6. Second Class Arithmetic, Miss Minnie Meor, Mount Forest P. S.; Critics, Messrs. Delahunt, Colbeck and Anderson. 7. Teaching, First Tablet with class, Mrs. Jelly, Mount Forest P. S., Critics, Messrs. Clapp, Shields and A. McPherson. 8. Roll Call. 9. Song, Miss Nellie Watson. 10. Question Drawer closed, J. A. McLellan, LL.D. 11. Election of officers. 12. Written Examinations. W. F. McKenzie, Riverstown P. S., Critics, Messrs. Dickie, Corbett and Jordan. 13. Promotion Examination, by Convention. 14. Physical Education, G. B. Ingham. H. M. Harrison P. S.; Critics, Messrs. Harper, Harvey and P. McEachern. 15. Use and Abuse of Text Books, Alex. Dickie, teacher No. 4 Marybo. 16. Critics, Messrs. Bulmer, Hislop and Becker. 16. Parsing, and Analysis of page 106 of Fourth Book, Jos. Reid, B.A., H. M. Mount Forest High School; Critics, Dr. McLellan, and Messrs O'Connor and Smith. 17. Analysis of Gray's Elegy, by Convention. Page 356 Fourth Book, Jos. Reid, B.A., Mount Forest High School. 18. Some change in School Law, John H. Burk, Teacher S. S. No. 11, Minto; Critics, Convention. 19. Township Boards, Malcolm Cameron; Critics, Messrs. A. Davidson, Perry and Ogden. 20. How to Teach Reading, Dr. McLellan. 21. How to Teach Arithmetic, Dr. McLellan. 22. Algebra, Dr. McLellan. 23. Natural Philosophy, Wm. O'Connor, M.A., H. M. Harrison High School; Critics, Messrs. Craig, Bingham and Campbell. D. P. CLAPP, B.A., President.

NORTH HASTINGS.—The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Stirling, January 31st, 1880. The forenoon session was occupied in the discussion of School Drill and how to teach Arithmetic to Junior Classes, introduced by Wm. Mackintosh, Esq., I. P. S. The subject was most ably and exhaustively handled by Mr. Mackintosh. In a simple, lucid and practical manner, he showed how to teach children to recognize numbers at sight; to compare numbers; to analyze them, and to perform the simple elementary operations of addition and subtraction. An especially noticeable feature was his showing how to teach the principles of carrying. The Association adjourned. A pleasant feature in connection with the meeting was the recognition of the public services of the teachers by several members of the Stirling School Board, who had made arrangements with a leading hotel-keeper to have the teachers dine together as their guests. The courtesy was duly appreciated and acknowledged by the large gathering that enjoyed their hospitality. The Association met again at 3 p.m. The treasurer's report was then read, showing the large balance of \$81.81 on hand and in the bank. The auditors, Messrs. Mulloy and Shannon, examined the accounts and reported them correct. Mr. J. Johnston, Inspector P. S., South Hastings, then introduced "How to teach Reading to Second and Third Classes." The subject was ably handled, stress being laid upon the necessity of thorough explanation of the lessons when they are assigned, the importance of teachers being able to set a good model for imitation before their