

There was a fine programme provided by the pupils, and following this there was the distribution of medals and prizes. Most of these were donated by the citizens of the town, who evidently considered it an honor to reward honest effort. Then there was special honor for the graduating class. Indeed, the whole programme centred in the farewell to the ten young people who finished their course in the school last June.

After the concert was over the class of 1917 tendered a farewell supper to the class of 1916. Appropriate addresses were made and kind hopes expressed. The young people must have felt that they went out into the world with the best wishes of their successors and the citizens of the town.

Now all this may seem trivial and unimportant, but it is only this bare recital of facts which makes it seem so. How much better it is for the people of a town to do things than to sit down and

croak. Active workers are rarely croakers and I am more than glad that the chief reforms in Stonewall originated with the people themselves. I imagine that Mr. Stratton, who was for a number of years chairman of the board, must get a good share of the credit. One thing is clear, that schools will not rise above mediocrity unless parents, teachers and pupils are in perfect unity. One earnest citizen can do more than a dozen teachers.

I have said nothing about the ordinary school studies. The teaching is probably on a par with that in other schools. It may be better because of the goodwill that is ever in evidence. Good teaching alone will not make the school of a town efficient. New activities alone will not bring about better conditions. But when the people are really in earnest and willing to help in every way there is nothing that can stand in the way of progress.

## SCHOOL FAIRS

### Morden School Fair

I now find time to send you a brief report on the Morden-Stanley Fair.

Over 75 per cent. of our 246 members exhibited something. Very few entered more than two contests. The entries in poultry, potato growing and sewing were very numerous. In poultry raising there were 110 entries out of the 216 dozen eggs distributed. This competition was so keen that Mr. Bergey found five hours necessary for the judging of the poultry. I would like you to convey to Mr. Bergey our appreciation of his services. His awards have met with universal satisfaction, which includes the opinions of 110 boys and girls competing, plus their respective parents. Such an exhibit of poultry, both in quantity and quality, has never been displayed in Morden on any previous occasion. The same is true of the potato contest. The potato exhibit at the Horticultural Society in Morden three weeks in advance has been de-

clared but a side show to that of the boys' and girls' display. There were many entries in the fodder corn; some bundles showed the effects of frost, some bundles showed a growth of over 12 feet, but 8 feet would be about the average. The entries in the pig contest were only 3, but these were fine animals.

In the sewing contests the entries were very numerous and much admired with many comments, but in canning the entries were very few.

In the contests, farm spelling, farm arithmetic, farm composition, farm drawing, the entries in the last two were very few, but in the spelling and arithmetic the competition was keen, showing considerable interest in these two aspects.

The banner prizes, 1st and 2nd, were well distributed over the respective clubs, each local club being prominent in some one contest only to be defeated in the other contests so far as 1st and