

tions are that Portage la Prairie will be a very strong educational centre.

The Rev. W. C. Pinkham has lately resigned the incumbency of St. James', a position held by him for 13 years, in order to devote his whole attention to the duties of his office as Supt. of Education.

The Rev. Canon Mackay, a well known and most successful Clergyman of England missionary, and one of the Professors in Emmanuel College, Prince Albert, North West Territories, has been visiting in Manitoba.

The sale of certain school lands which was advertised to take place on the 19th inst. has been postponed for one month. The Board of Education are naturally anxious that a good price should be realized for them.

At a recent meeting of the promoters of the establishment of a school of Art and Design, a Committee was appointed to draft a constitution, to canvass for funds, and to ascertain the probable salary of a teacher.

Readings and Recitations.

FOR THE SOLDIERS.

- A call came up from the soldiers' camps,
And sounded in our ears,
Above all the roar of the heavy guns,
And the ringing battle-cheers.
It said, "We are fighting for you, for yours,
In the forefront of danger we stand,
We are driving the ranks of the rebels back;
Will you lend us a helping hand?"
- "We give you all of our health and strength,
We are flinging our lives away;
Our days and nights, they are spent for you:
Will you give us just one day?
And the farmers afar, in the Prairie State,
Heard the call as it sounded by;
And they answered the voice from the far-off camps
With a cheerful, whole-souled "Ay."
- A little girl stood and watched the teams,
With their treasures running o'er,
With their loads of the full-eared yellow corn,
Drive up to her father's door;
'Till the rosy apples, and onions white,
And squashes golden and round,
'That the farmers brought of their hard-earned stores,
Lay heaped all over the ground.
- And she said: "Oh, papa, I have nothing to give
That the soldiers would care to hold;
I am so sorry I am so small;
I have neither silver nor gold.
- "There's my doll, and my hoop, and all my toys,
But they don't want those, you see,
And they would not care for the games or the books
Of a little girl like me.
- "I think, papa, it is very hard;
I have thought all my playthings o'er,
And there isn't a thing they would want to take.
I wish I wasn't so poor!
I'm sure there is nothing I would not give
To make their work seem less—"
And here she stopp'd, for her little pet lamb
Was pulling at her dress.
- They had played together, the child and the lamb,
All the long, bright summer days,
It had shared her supper of bread and milk—
She had taught it its winsome ways,
It would run at the sound of its whispered name
To the mistress it loved so well;
And she loved it, her darling little pet,
Far better than I could tell.
- She stopp'd, and looked in her father's face,
And her eyes grew large and wide;
Then she flung her arms round the lamb's soft neck,
And knelt down by its side,
And her eyes grew full of the blinding tears
That she could not wipe away;
And, "Oh, papa, my darling lamb!"
Was all that she could say.

And closer and closer she held it then,
And faster the tears ran down,
'Till she lifted her head, and spoke again
Through the sobs that her words would drown.
"Oh, papa, I never had thought of this!
It is all my own, you know.
Oh, pet, you must go for our soldier: a brave
My darling, I love you so!"

And stronger growing: "Oh, you, papa,
You must not look so grave!
Why, they give up their arms and their lives for us.
It is everything I have!
It isn't much—I'm a little girl—
But perhaps, if you tell them so,
They will take it with all the bigger things—
Oh, darling, I love you so!"

I think the angels looked down from heaven,
With tears in their shining eyes,
At the tearful little upturned face,
And the noble sacrifice.
God love her, and bless her, and save the land
That claims her among its brave,
Who, 'mid their tears, with unflinching hand
Have given all they have!

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.

MORRISBURG.—The semi-annual Convention of the Teachers' Association of the County of Dundas, was held in the High School building, Morrisburg, on the 8th and 9th of Sept., and was fairly attended. The chair was taken at 10:30 a.m., the President, Arthur Brown, Esq., I.P.S., presiding. The minutes of previous meeting were read by Wm. H. Irvine, B.A., Secretary-Treasurer, and confirmed by the meeting. The meeting was opened by Mr. A. C. Smith reading an essay on Teaching Dictation; how to make it effective, which was handled in a very able and energetic manner. The chief points he insisted on were: (1). The Dictation should be written in exercise books for that purpose. (2). Each book should be examined, and all errors detected by the teacher. (3). Each error corrected by the pupil, and (4). Slates should not be used, nor pupils allowed to correct each others' work. *Officers elected.*—Mr. Arthur Brown, I.P.S., re-elected President; Miss Margaret Rose, Vice-President; Wm. H. Irvine, B.A., re-elected Secretary-Treasurer; Messrs. A. A. Whittaker, A. S. Rose, A. C. Smith, Jas. Flanagan, and P. Jordan, Management Committee. A grant of fifteen dollars was made towards getting fifty copies of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL for members of the Association. Messrs. A. S. Rose, A. A. Whittaker, and H. Callendar to be a committee to secure the requisite number of subscribers. Mr. P. Jordan, an old and worthy veteran of the profession, gave an animated address contrasting the school-houses, teachers, and examinations of 1850 and 1880, which bore high testimony to the present efficiency of the schools in the County of Dundas, and their very marked progress under the untiring zeal, and able superintendence of the Inspector, Mr. Arthur Brown. *Second day.*—Meeting opened at 9:15 a.m., the President in the chair. The roll being called and minutes of previous day read and adopted, the following questions left over from Question Drawer of previous day were brought up: (1). How to close a Ledger, which was answered by J. O. McGregor, M.A., in a very lucid manner. (2). Have intransitive verbs voice, which was briefly discussed by the Secretary, W. H. Irvine. A communication was read, from Mr. Bow, expressing his regret for not being able to be present and address the meeting upon the subject, "How to teach the Alphabet." Messrs. J. O. McGregor, M.A., A. S. Rose, Danl. Earl, P. Jordan, and Wm. Brunton were appointed to be a committee to secure the erecting of a monument to the late Irvin Stuart, B.A., late Head Master of Morrisburg High School, who was intimately connected with and took a very active part in all affairs of the Association since its beginning, as well as in the Educational advancement of the County, and whose demise is deeply regretted by all the teachers in Dundas. Miss Julia Thompson, of New York, gave a very practical and instructive address on Elocution, which showed a thorough knowledge of the subject, which was attentively listened to, and highly appreciated by the members. W. A. Whitney, Esq., M.A., Head Master of Iroquois High School, gave illustrations of a concise manner of solution of several intricate problems and theories in Algebra. The Question Drawer being then passed, the meeting adjourned until 1:30 p.m. *Afternoon session.*—After the general routine of opening, the Audit Committee reported that there was a balance of \$79.97 on hand on 1st Jan., 1881. The Secretary, W. H. Irvine, B.A., gave his views concerning The Unitary Method vs. Rule of Three, which excited