

Department of Education, and shall be read without comment or explanation.

8. Where a teacher claims to have conscientious scruples against opening and closing the school as herein provided, he shall notify the Trustees to that effect in writing.

4. No pupil shall be required to take part in the exercises above referred to against the wish of his parent or guardian, expressed in writing to the master of the school.

5. When required by the Trustees the Ten Commandments shall be repeated at least once a week.

6. The Trustees shall place a copy of the authorized Readings in each department of the Public and High Schools under their jurisdiction, within one year from the date hereof.

7. The clergy of any denomination, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right to give religious instruction to the pupils of their own church, in each school house at least once a week, after the hour of closing of the school in the afternoon; and if the clergy of more than one denomination apply to give religious instruction in the same school-house the School Board or trustees shall decide on what day of the week the school-house shall be at the disposal of the clergyman of each denomination at the time above stated. But it shall be lawful for the School Board or trustees and clergyman of any denomination to agree upon any hour of the day at which a clergyman, or his authorized representative, may give religious instruction to the pupils of his own church, provided it be not during the regular hours of the school.

The Regulations prescribing the "Hours of Daily Teaching" provide that they shall not exceed 6 hours in duration, but "a less number of hours of daily teaching may be determined upon any in Public School, at the option of the trustees." Arrangements may therefore be made by the trustees for closing the ordinary school work earlier than the usual hour, on certain days, so that time may be given for Religious Instruction.

PREFACE TO SCRIPTURE READING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

This volume of Scripture Readings has been prepared under the direction of the Education Department, in order to place in the hands of every teacher in a convenient form those portions of the Bible best adapted to the capacity of Public and High School pupils. It has been carefully revised by representatives of all the leading religious denominations, and will be found to contain a course of lessons so arranged as to include the most instructive portions of both the Old and New Testaments.

In conducting the devotional exercises of the school as required by the Regulation of the Department, the teacher would do well to remember that much depends upon the spirit in which the subject is approached. Reverence, decorum and earnestness should characterize every exercise. Besides merely reading the lesson for the day, choice verses might be written on the black-board and committed to memory by the pupils. Selected passages might be repeated in concert, and thus, while carefully avoiding any attempt at giving a sectarian basis to the instruction imparted, the truths of the Bible might be impressed upon the pupils as the safest guides for life and duty.

As bearing upon this department of the teacher's work, attention is also called to the following Regulation:—"Teachers shall not confine their instruction and superintendence to the usual school studies of the pupils, but shall as far as possible, extend the same to their mental and moral training, to their personal deportment, to the practice of correct habits and good manners among them, and omit no opportunity of inculcating the principles of truth and honesty, the duties of respect to superiors, and obedience to all persons placed in authority over them."

FORMS OF PRAYER.

OPENING.—THE LORD'S PRAYER.

CLOSING.—LET US PRAY.

Most merciful God, we yield Thee our humble and hearty thanks for Thy fatherly care and preservation of us this day, and for the progress which Thou hast enabled us to make in useful learning; we pray Thee to imprint upon our minds whatever good instructions we have received, and to bless them to the advancement of our temporal and eternal welfare; and pardon, we implore Thee, all that Thou hast seen amiss in our thoughts, words, and actions. May Thy good Providence still guide and keep us during the approaching interval of rest and relaxation, so that we may be prepared to enter on the duties of the morrow with renewed vigor, both of body and mind; and preserve us we beseech Thee now and forever, both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all dangers and perils of the night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—*Bishop's College*.—In the terminal examination of the students in the Faculty of Arts, just concluded, the following have obtained the distinction of a First Class in the various subjects mentioned. *Third year*—none. *Second year*—Mr. R. MacDonald, Divinity; Mr. M. O. Smith, Divinity, Mathematics, Classics, Logic and Literature, French, Hebrew; Mr. H. D. Hamilton, Divinity, Classics, Logic, Literature and History, French; Mr. H. W. Welch, Divinity, Classics, Logic, Literature and History, French. *First year*—Mr. G. H. A. Murray, Divinity, Literature, Hebrew; Mr. A. Sharpe, Divinity, Classics, Hebrew; Rev. J. B. Williams, Divinity, Hebrew; Mr. E. A. Robertson, Divinity, Classics, Literature and History; Mr. W. A. Balfour, French. *Preparatory year*—Mr. H. W. Armstrong, Divinity.

Bishop College School.—The boys of this school have just gone home for the Christmas holidays. The terminal examination shows very good work done by the majority of the boys in all departments of the School. The following boys have obtained first class marks in the various subjects. *English*—6th Form, C. R. Hamilton; 5th Form, Petry; 4th Form, Fothergill, G. C. Smith; 3rd Form, Worthington, Leckie; 2nd Form, McLeod, Ward; 1st Form, H. V. Hamilton. *Mathematics*—6th Form, Campbell, C. R. Hamilton; 5th Form, H. C. Baker; 4th Form, P. Smith; 3rd Form, McLeod; 2nd Form, Ward, J. W. Y. Smith, D'Anjou; 1st Form, Frary, and H. M. Garden (equal). *Classics*—6th Form, none; 5th Form, Campbell (in Latin only); 4th Form, Le Mesurier, Petry; 3rd Form, Leckie, P. Smith; 2nd Form, Worthington; 1st Form, T. A. Emmet. *French*—5th Form, C. R. Hamilton; 4th Form, P. Smith, Petry; 3rd Form, Gault, Hibbard, Champion, Macfarlane, Fothergill, LeMesurier; 2nd Form, D'Anjou, H. H. Fairweather, Worthington, E. G. Garden; 1st Form, Ward, Wilson. The school re-opens on the 19th January.

ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—*Mission Board Meeting*.—The regular meeting of the Mission Board was held on 30th inst. Present: The Lord Bishop of Ontario, the Ven. Archdeacon of Ottawa, the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, Rev. H. Pollard, W. Lewin, R. L. Stephenson, E. H. M. Baker, Canon White, A. C. Nesbitt, F. W. Kirkpatrick, E. P. Crawford, J. J. Bogart, J. W. Burke, and

A. Spencer, Clerical Secretary; Dr. Henderson, Q.C., Samuel Keefer, K. T. Walkem, Q.C., James Shannon, H. Hartney. The Ven. Archdeacon of Ottawa was elected chairman.

Financial Statement.—The Secretary presented the financial statement of the Mission and Sustentation Funds from May 1st to November 30th, 1884. The statement was printed and handed around to the members.

Mission Fund.—The statement showed that grants to missions had been made, \$48.20, and \$11.65 received in collections. A balance is due to the bank \$46.17. Sustentation Fund, shows balance in bank for capital account \$42.70, and interest \$8.92. No suitable mission agent has yet been found. The bequest of late R. Labatt, \$25, and \$6 interest, was announced as a valid gift to the funds of Ontario diocese. Applications from various clergy were heard for grants to open missions.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, the Rev. J. W. Burke, and the Clerical Secretary, were appointed a committee to draft a special appeal to the members of the Church, in the Diocese, for aid to this board in meeting the present demands for the support of an increased staff of missionaries.

Divinity Students Fund.—The committee met at 2.30 p.m., Present: Revs. E. H. M. Baker, F. W. Kirkpatrick, A. W. Cook, and the Clerical Secretary, with Mr. James Shannon. The Rev. Rural Dean Baker was appointed chairman. The minutes were read and approved. The financial statement was read. It is as follows:

May 1st to Nov. 30th, 1884:

RECEIPTS.		
May 1	To balance brought down ...	\$ 69 26
Nov 30	" Collections received	286 89
	" Interest debentures	84 00
	" " mortgages	127 00
		211 00
		\$567 65
	Invested capital	5,001 84
EXPENDITURE.		
Nov 30	By paid exhibitions	\$100 00
	" " expenses	25 00
	balance	441 65
		\$567 65

A communication was read from the provost of Trinity College, Toronto, referring to the students from this diocese under his charge. The Secretary was instructed to pay the grant to Mr. J. A. Shaw for two years, he having determined to continue his theological studies at Trinity College, Dublin. Applications for grants were made by, or on behalf of Messrs. Charles O. Carson, Phillip Stone, H. H. Johnston. A grant of \$150 was made to Mr. J. G. Hooper for the current academic year. A grant of \$100 for the same period was made to Mr. Phillip Stone, provided he matriculates at Christmas. The applications of Chas. O. Carson and H. H. Johnston were laid over until next meeting.

The Widows and Orphans' Fund Committee reported receipts \$19.95, and expenditure and re-investments to same amount. An application to be placed upon the fund was read from the widow of the late Rev. Abraham Dawson, who died at Plevna in May last, in reference to which, after full consideration, it was resolved that the late Rev. A. Dawson, having neglected to comply with the requirements of the Widow and Orphans' Fund Canon, the Committee regret to find themselves unable to entertain the application of his widow to be placed as a beneficiary on the Fund. The Committee then adjourned.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—A Christmas tree entertainment given by the ladies of St. Paul's church in aid of the U. E. L. Church Building Fund was very successful and realized the sum of \$50. The display of plain and ornamental needle work was very creditable to the taste and skill of the "willing workers."

NAPANEE.—*St. Mary Magdalene*.—The quarterly vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, the Archdeacon presiding. The treasurer's statement showed the finances to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The receipts through the Sunday offertory have been sufficient to meet the current expenses since Easter, and the arrears on envelopes but small. Successful efforts have been made to pay the outstanding liabilities and meet the heavy claims for interest, insurance, &c. Towards this object the Women's Guild has contributed \$219 and the Church Union \$159. Altogether the receipt since Easter have been \$1,227. A resolution was adopted expressing satisfaction with the success of the envelope system as now worked, and recommending its more extensive adoption by the congregation. Dr. Ruttan was requested to superintend the ventilating apparatus. Mr. McGuin reported payment of, another debenture from the Chamberlain bequest.