

At the monthly meeting of teachers of the Lindsay Public Schools, March 27th, the question of the spelling of geographical names was discussed. A great deal of inconvenience often arises from the same word being spelt two or more ways, sometimes in the same text book. One teacher adopts one spelling, another teacher adopts a different spelling. The pupils as they pass from room to room have to learn the different methods in succession, a very unnecessary labour. A list of names having been prepared each word was written on the black-board with its various spellings and discussed. The decision was unanimous in each case. The following are the names with the spelling adopted.—Azov, Tchad, Brahmapootra, Cambodia, Bab-el-Mandeb, Kertch, Egean, Gulf of Lyons, Hindoo Koosh, Nieuweld, Kamschatka, Verde, Philippine, Aux Sables.

WE are gratified to learn that Mr. G. Mercer Adam is engaged in the preparation of a popular work on the present troubles in our North-West, to appear shortly from the press of Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., the Toronto publishers. An announcement of the forthcoming book appears in our advertising pages. From Mr. Adam's prospectus we transcribe the following brief paragraph as an indication to our readers of the comprehensive and interesting character of the projected work. Says the author: "It will be the purpose of this book to narrate the incidents of the present rebellion; to trace historically the events that gave rise to it; and to tell the story of the past and present of the country, first, as the vast game-preserve of a great fur-trading company, and secondly, as the home of the settler, and the rich and, possibly for a time, troublesome, acquisition of the colonizing Canadian people."

THE annual convocation of Queen's University took place on the 28th and 29th April. There were 26 graduates in Arts. The medallists are:—The Carruthers gold medal in chemistry, C. A. Scott, Kingston; Mayor's gold medal in mathematics, J. C.

Connell, B.A., Durdan; Princess of Wales silver medal in natural science, W. Nico, B.A., Cataraqui; Prince of Wales silver medal in classics, G. W. Mitchell, Kingston. Fourteen students received the degree of M.D., one that of B.D., and one that of D.Sc.; and the following honorary degrees were conferred:—D.D., Rev. Prof. Currie, Halifax; Rev. Geo. Smellie, Fergus; LL.D., James MacLennan, Q.C., Toronto. The Governor-General's prize in books was won by W. Clyde, for general proficiency, and the Hague prize of \$20 for the best essay by C. J. Cameron. The graduates and benefactors of Queen's College held a meeting at Kingston on the 28th ult., at which the Chancellor submitted his report on the College Confederation scheme. Circulars were issued, and in the replies received not a single person was known to favour the scheme, and all held very strongly the opinion that Queen's should remain at Kingston. Circulars were not sent to Kingstonians, the official resolution answering for them. From outsiders 349 replies were received. They were from representative men of all classes and all shades of politics from all parts of Canada. The trustees pointed out that about \$250,000 would be required to transfer Queen's to Toronto, and asked the friends if they would be prepared to assist in moving the institution to Toronto. A very large percentage of all heard from state emphatically that they will give nothing whatever, and the majority of them indicate that if Queen's enters the Union they will withdraw the assistance they are now giving or have promised to give. Ninety-nine per cent. of all heard from every quarter, and 100 per cent. of all west of Kingston were decidedly opposed to Queen's entering the scheme. The total east of Kingston was 107, total west of Kingston 18. Principal Grant declared that the question of the removal of the University from Kingston should never again come up. The question was settled now and for ever as Queen's must either sink with its colonnaded to the mast-head or prosper where their fathers had placed her.