

Efforts have been made to get up a course of lectures on the art of teaching during the winter. Although we have not yet succeeded, we have met with such encouragement as to look forward to that intellectual treat for next winter.

Our social meetings continue to be very popular; one held at our place of meeting on the 16th of January, was quite a success, both socially and numerically. The expression of our sincere thanks is due to Dr. Harper for the excellent entertainment given to the Protestant teachers of this city, at his residence, in April. We also feel indebted to the Rev. E. I. Rexford for the keen interest which he continues to take in our work.

Of the few changes which have taken place in our society during the past year, the most important has been the resignation of our second vice-president, Miss H. B. Bothwell, a young lady whose attainments rendered her quite an acquisition to our society. Having entered upon another sphere in life we regret her loss, but at the same time we tender her our sincere and best wishes.

Our work in connection with this society is of such a nature as to render it difficult, if not impossible, to give a correct estimate of what we have accomplished. We cannot point to the homes that we have provided for the homeless, to the hungry that we have fed, or to the situations that we have found for the idle, but we can point to the efforts we are making to prevent the existence of such distress, and time alone will show our measure of success. Therefore we have need of patience, noble, enduring patience, remembering who it is that says to us, as He has said to our predecessors in all ages, "cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days."

The report was favorably commented upon and unanimously adopted.

The treasurer, Mr. Elliott, next made his report, which showed a balance of \$7.00 to the credit of the association after the year's liability had been met.

The next order of business was the election of officers, with the following results—Honorary President—Dr. Marsden; President—Dr. Harper, Rector H. S.; First Vice-President, Rev. R. Ker; Second Vice-President, Miss Mackie; Secretary, Miss Macdonald; Treasurer, Mr. Elliott; Committee of Management, Mr. McQuarrie, Miss Wilkins and Miss Ahern.

The usual complimentary votes terminated the proceedings. The Association stands adjourned until September next.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased by order in Council, dated 9th June, 1885, to appoint L. H. Tibbetts trustee of North Stukely, county Shefford, instead of A. T. Lawrence;

By order in Council, dated 9th June, 1885, to appoint Daniel Allen, Esq., Member of Board of Examiners, Bedford; and Rev. Joseph Allard and the Rev. F. J. B. Allnott, B.D., Members of the Protestant Division of the Board of Examiners of Quebec;

By an order in Council, dated the 9th June instant (1885), to detach from the municipality of "Ristigouche," county of Bonaventure, and to erect into a separate school municipality, under the name of "Sellarville," the territory bounded as follows, to wit: to the west by "Saint Laurent de Métapédiac," to the south by the River "Ristigouche," to the east by the line east of the lot No. 13, occupied by Mr. Black;

By an order in Council, dated the 22nd June instant (1885), to detach from the municipality of the town of "Saint Jean," in the county of Saint Jean, the portion of the range "Haut Richelieu," extending from the south limits of the "town of Saint Jean," to the south line of the property belonging to Charles Langlais or representatives, numbered 49 on the