

Miss Macdonald, of the Girls' High School, who is secretary of the Association, is prepared to receive the names of any who, living in the neighbourhood of Quebec, may wish to join the Circle. It is more than likely that the organisation of Reading Circles among the French teachers will come up at an early date for discussion. Mr. Cloutier has a paper on the subject in the last number of *L'Enseignement Primaire*, in which he points out as an example to his fellow teachers the inauguration of such a movement among the English teachers. We wish our *confrère* every success in the undertaking.

— We regret very much to learn of the continued illness of Dr. John Bennet, formerly superintendent of schools in New Brunswick. No name is more familiar to the older teachers of our sister province than the name of Dr. Bennet. As inspector in the northern district of the country, he won for himself a reputation as an educationist which induced the government, on the lamented death of Mr. Fisher, to appoint him superintendent; and the ability with which he discharged the duties of that responsible position is fully borne out by the fact that he continued at the head of the educational department for more than twelve years. He was superintendent at the inauguration of the system of free schools in New Brunswick, and was subsequently successful in re-organising the schools in St. John when he removed to that city. The record of his career as an educationist is part of the history of his adopted province; and though now for many years he has been in retirement from active service, his life's work is still fresh in the memory of those who knew him in the early days of his manly vigour. He was ever the friend of the teacher, as his valuable reports bear witness to the present day.

— The Governor-General, in referring to the subject which we have spoken of in our editorial department, during his late visit to McGill University, remarked,—“A degree-giving university occupies in the domain of education a position analogous to that occupied by a public mint in the domain of finance. It is authorised by law to affix its distinctive marks upon the intellectual currency of the country. That is a privilege which carries with it both an obligation and a right, the obligation being that of seeing that the purity of the coinage is maintained, and that all tempta-