

SCHOOL ITEMS.

The prevalence of sickness makes school work rather up-hill business for both pupils and teachers. The absence from that cause amounts to almost one-fourth of the enrollment.

After the fresh papering and painting of the rooms, it seems that nothing but an ingrate could ask other expensive improvements, but the health of the children positively demands a good furnace system of heating and ventilating the building. The coming summer ought to see a good one instituted. This winter's experience has been very suggestive along this line.

Some of the scholar's maps rival the book's accuracy and neatness of execution.

Since the papering of the rooms, many of the scholars have brought decorations for the walls. There is still room for more however, for which the donors will receive the same sincere gratitude that is herein extended to those who have already brought some.

Friday afternoon, 14th inst., is the time set for the civil government classes, in the upper room, to debate questions pertaining to that study.

Some of the scholars seem quite interested in the vocal music class which meets Monday and Thursday evenings in the school house. It is an excellent thing and productive of much good physically, socially and morally.

It is pleasant indeed to see the interest that the primary children take in the neatness and accuracy of their drawing and form work. It must surely build into their characters habits that will prove lasting benefits.

A pupil of the intermediate department, the other day, deposited \$9.91 in the School Savings Bank, while her brother in the primary put in the same amount. This institution was started last year and is well patronized by the scholars.

Rev. James contributed some very fine volumes to the school library, for which we thank him heartily.

The fourth reader class is much interested in selections from Bayard Taylor's books on travels. It is a great pity that our library does not contain his works. They would surely be eagerly read and their value in geography work is not inconsiderable.

Miss Wilson's pupils are becoming quite adept in calisthenics. They drill in these exercises while they have doors and windows open for ventilation.

Having been the recipients of pleasure and profit through Dr. May's kindly interest in our school, evinced by visiting us and favoring us with suggestive remarks and entertaining and instructive readings:

Resolved: That we express our appreciation and gratitude for the same by the publication of this resolution in the HOPE PIONEER. Committee: Geneva King, Harry Carpenter, Orlo Wakeman.