

opinion of this meeting, the vacations of the Public Schools should be of the same length as those of the High Schools, and also at the same time. Carried.

5. Moved and seconded that, in consideration of the frequent changes which teachers are compelled to make in rural sections, and the inferior class of houses which they generally have to occupy; it would be a great advantage to married teachers, and tend to keep them in the profession if such a change were made in the school year as would enable them to terminate their annual engagements with the summer holidays; and that such a change would also benefit the Public Schools, since a teacher can gain control of a school much more easily, when the attendance is small, as it invariably is after the summer vacation; also that large scholars, who attend school during the winter season only would have the advantage of the same teacher during the whole session; and farther we hold, that it would facilitate the attendance of teachers at the Normal Schools, and be more convenient for teachers who obtain certificates in July.

The motion was not voted upon by the meeting, and discussion upon the matter was postponed until the next meeting of the Association, to be held in May.

—The quarterly meeting of the Teachers' Association of No. 1 Division of Middlesex was held in the Colborne street School House, Strathroy, on Saturday, 12th Feb.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Stewart was called to the chair, when the minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved.

The following officers were then elected for the current year:

Mr. J. T. Wood..... President.
 " C. McGregor..... 1st Vice-President.
 " H. G. Lindsay..... 2nd Vice-President.
 " R. Shepherd..... Secretary.
 Miss E. Langton..... Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The officers, with Messrs. Glashan and Carson.

The secretary read a communication from the Waterloo Teachers' Association, concerning the advisability of procuring a new text book in natural philosophy, and requesting the Association to join in asking Mr. Kirkland, M.A., to prepare a work on the subject. This communication called forth considerable discussion, which was

continued till noon, when the Association adjourned for dinner.

The chair was again taken at 2 p. m. when the previous discussion was resumed, and the following resolution was presented and carried unanimously:

Moved by J. S. Carson, seconded by J. C. Glashan, and resolved, that after hearing the discussion on the necessity of issuing a Canadian text book on natural philosophy, suited to the wants of our public schools, we are fully decided no other gentleman of our acquaintance is so likely to prepare a work meeting present requirements as Thomas Kirkland, Esq., M.A., mathematical and science master in the Toronto Normal School, and we earnestly request that gentleman to accede to our wishes as soon as convenient.

Next came the event of the day, viz: the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Glashan of an address, and a beautiful tea service, valued at \$165, and purchased from Messrs. Buttery & VanValkenburg, jewellers. Mr. Rowland, who was called upon to read the address, stated on coming forward, that as he was about stepping down and out of the profession, he hoped the Association would do with him as was customary with critics, who judge authors by their last work; he hoped to be judged by his last act. He then called upon Mr. Glashan to come forward, when he read the following:—

J. C. Glashan, Esq., Inspector of Public Schools, No. 1, Division, Middlesex:

SIR,—The present meeting of the Strathroy Teachers' Association has been almost specially convened for the purpose of publicly manifesting the sympathy existing between yourself and the teachers. We have not been partial observers, but critical examiners, of your course as a Public School Inspector, and it must be confessed that ability of the highest order has characterized your management of all that pertains to the harmonious working of a complex school law, an eccentric programme, and, we regret to say, in some instances, refractory school officials. Arduous as your duties are, they have been discharged with singular exactness, but notwithstanding the physical and mental strain to which you are thus exposed, time is snatched to give monthly solutions to the intellectual difficulties obstructing the path of your teachers, and we need scarcely add, that through