

SOUTH SIMCOE.—The eight session of this association was held in the public school, Beeton, on the 19th and 20th ult., under the presidency of Rev. T. McKee, I.P.S. Minutes of previous meeting were read by Mr. J. C. Morrison, secretary, and confirmed. Mr. T. J. Atkins took up his method of teaching "Notation and Addition," which elicited a discussion on the various methods of teaching addition, joined in by Messrs. F. Wood, H. P. Hobson and Dr. Forrest. Several teachers having contributed to the Question Drawer, a profitable hour was spent in explanation and discussion on the different topics thus introduced. In the afternoon Mr. C. W. Chadwick read a paper on "Geography" which was highly appreciated. Miss Springer read a cleverly written essay on "The Teacher as a Moulder of Character," for which, on the motion of Dr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. E. Ferguson, she was tendered the cordial thanks of the association. The Question Drawer having been resumed and the advisability of promotion examinations being one of the questions, the matter was warmly discussed, but it was decided to postpone action until the secretary could ascertain from other counties how the system worked. Oral examinations, the age at which children should be first sent to school, and other important subjects were discussed, chiefly by Dr. Forrest, Messrs. Wood, Chadwick, Hipwell, Williams, B.A., Ferguson and York. Mr. Williams, B.A., H. M. Collingwood, C.I., gave an eloquent address on "The Benefit of the Study of English Literature," for which, on the motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Chadwick, he received the thanks of the association. A committee consisting of Messrs. Wood, Chadwick, McCandless, York and Williams, was, on the motion of Mr. Williams, appointed to consider the advisability of supplying one or more Educational Journals to the members. In the evening Mr. G. M. Adam read a lecture on "Live to be Useful," in the Court House. Dr. Forrest proposed and Mr. Williams, B.A., seconded a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was passed unanimously. The president, Rev. T. McKee, occupied the chair. **Second Day.** The committee on Journals gave their report to the effect that each member pay the sum of \$1.50, and that the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL and the *Educational Monthly* be supplied to paying members for one year. On the motion of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. Morrison, the report was adopted. In the discussion on the report Mr. Morrison stated that it was the desire of the association to avail themselves in this most practical manner of the grant received from the County Council and to encourage the teachers to become paying members. As the attendance at the meeting was small the president said that in future he would send to the Minister of Education the name of every teacher who does not attend the convention of the association. On the proposition of Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Wood, it was resolved:—"That the secretary give notice to all the teachers that the requirements in regard to associations will be enforced at next meeting, unless a valid excuse be sent for non-attendance." Dr. Forrest then took up "Grammatical Analysis" selecting some sentences which contained difficulties observed at several examinations. By simple signs he illustrated his plan of teaching and showed how he would dispose of the difficulties and render them comparatively easy of comprehension. His remarks were combated by Messrs. Williams, Chadwick, Hobson and Stewart and a lively discussion ensued. Mr. Ferguson then in a masterly manner showed his plan of teaching "Copy Book and Commercial Writing." He advocated the use of the Beatty series of Penmanship, and explained its principles, commenting on the excellent grading and general superiority of this series. The election of officers then came on, resulting as follows: President, Mr. F. Wood; Vice-pres., Mr. W. C. Chadwick; Sec-treas., Mr. J. C. Morrison; Committee of Management, Dr. Forrest, Rev. Thos. McKee, Messrs. Luck, Ferguson and Hobson. Moved by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Wood:—"That only two delegates be sent to Ontario Teachers' Association;" carried. Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Luck, "That Dr. Forrest and Mr. Chadwick be delegates," carried. Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Chadwick:—"That the next meeting of the association be held in Cookstown at call of executive," carried. Adjourned.

EAST VICTORIA.—The teachers of East Victoria met in convention at Lindsay on the 25th of May, the proceedings, as usual, taking up the greater part of the following day as well. In the absence of Mr. S. Armour, the president, the chair was taken up by the inspector Mr. J. H. Knight who also delivered on the evening of the 25th a public address on "Public Examinations." The remainder of the programme for the evening meeting was filled up with readings by W. F. Seymour and J. D. MacMurchy. The first place in the programme of the convention proper was accorded to "Pronouns," a topic which was handled by Mr. O'Boyle with more than the usual amount of originality and of freedom from the restraints of formal grammar. The claims of "Short-hand" were ably advocated by Mr. J. Head who, as a skilled phonographer, naturally preferred and highly recommended that peculiar system of short-hand which goes by the name of "phonography." The deep interest taken in this subject justified the selection made by those who placed it on the programme. "Fractions" occupied the next division and the practical manner in which Mr. J. C. Smyth dealt with the subject won the hearty approval of the meeting. An exceedingly practical address on "How to save Time," by Mr. W. F. Seymour, was listened to with marked attention but the great number of the useful hints with which it bristled made it

impossible to give over the mere synopsis of his method. On Friday morning Dr. Curry, inspector of Haliburton, read a very practical paper on "School Work and Physical Development," for which he was warmly thanked by the Association. A paper containing some practical views as to how "conventions" should be managed, was read by G. F. Sherwood, and a very able and, for its length, comprehensive review of the history of English literature was given in the form of a paper on that subject by A. Caruthers, B.A. During the day the question drawer was opened from time to time as the state of the programme warranted and many of those present took part in the discussion of such practical questions as: "How would you check truancy?" "Are prizes in schools beneficial?" "Should fractions be taught before or after the compound rules?" "Should spelling be taught orally?" &c. The election of officers resulted in the following list for the coming year:—President, J. H. Knight; 1st V. P., J. C. Smyth; 2nd V. P., Miss Peplow; Secretary, J. Head; Treasurer, G. A. Irwin; Librarian, J. D. MacMurchy. The meetings were unusually well attended and the convention was more than an average success.

NORTH HASTINGS.—This Association met in Madoc, May 18th and 19th. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted, after which the report of Committee on Promotion Examinations was read and approved, and the action of the Committee endorsed. The printed regulations for the examinations were then adopted. Mr. Morton was appointed delegate to the Provincial Association. Mr. Beall read an article from the *Century Magazine*, entitled "Hints on Reading," after which the Association adjourned. In the afternoon, after roll call, Miss Wootton taught a primary reading class in a manner that could not fail to be instructive to those who saw and heard it. A short discussion on the subject followed. After a reading by Miss McDermid, Dr. McLellan introduced the subject of Intelligent Teaching of the Simple Rules. After a short intermission, Mr. Hicks introduced the subject of History, dealing with it generally. He called attention to the fact that the purpose in teaching this as other subjects is to prepare the pupils to work for themselves. Mr. Mackintosh then took up Grammar and Composition. In the evening, Dr. McLellan delivered a most eloquent address on "Teacher and Parent in Relation to the School," to a large and deeply interested audience, who showed their appreciation of the lecture by frequent applause, and by the hearty vote of thanks tendered the lecturer at the close. On Friday, Mr. Mackintosh addressed the teachers on the approaching Uniform Promotion Examinations, and resumed the discussion of Grammar and Composition, giving many valuable suggestions as to the proper teaching of these important subjects. Mr. Jenkins then discussed the Geography of North America, which he would teach by means of both map and map-sketch. After a short discussion, Dr. McLellan took up the subject of "Reading, and How to Improve it." He dwelt on the importance of Reading, calling it the key which unlocks the doors of all other knowledge. He advised teachers in teaching it to beginners to combine the phonic with the word method, and analyze all simple words. The subject of School Management was discussed by Mr. Miller, who gave many valuable hints on the management of pupils both in the school and at home. In the afternoon, after a reading by Mr. Hicks, Dr. McLellan discussed the subject of Good and Bad Questioning, giving examples of both. He spoke first of the objects of questioning, then the qualifications of the questioner, and lastly of the characteristics of good questions. Dr. Dafoe then gave a most valuable address on Hygiene, for which he received the thanks of the Association. The Question Drawer was opened and questions answered by Dr. McLellan and Mr. Macintosh. A Reading by Miss Riddell followed, after which it was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously, "That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Dr. McLellan, for his valuable assistance in making this a successful meeting." To this Dr. McLellan briefly replied. The following resolutions, moved by Mr. Mackintosh, seconded by Mr. Wood, were passed:—"That this Association desires to put on record its deep sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the Province generally, and the cause of Education in particular, by the death of Rev. Dr. Ryerson, to whose wise conception and great administrative abilities we owe our unrivalled system of national education." "That this Association tender their sympathy to the widow and family of Dr. Ryerson; and, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to them." After singing the National Anthem the association adjourned.

SOUTH GREY.—The semi-annual meeting of this association was held in the Town Hall, Lechertown, on the 25th and 26th May. There was a good attendance on both days. After the usual routine business was transacted the president, Mr. M. N. Armstrong of Durham model school, delivered a well prepared and practical address which was well received. The inspector was present at all the sessions of the convention and took a hearty interest in the work. Before the programme was entered on several committees were appointed. The following subjects were introduced and discussed the first day. "The necessity and best methods of class marking," by Mr. T. Hall; "The use and abuse of emulation in school" by Mr. Irvine; "Mathematical geography" by