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—The Teachers' Association of the district of Bedford, held its second meeting at Farnham, on Saturday, the 2nd of February. There were two sessions. The Rev. John Ker, of Dunham, who is an honorary member of the association, was called to the chair, and introduced Miss Rix, who gave an interesting lesson in arithmetic to a class of her own pupils. The lesson gave rise to a discussion concerning the best methods of teaching the elementary rules. In this, Principals Hewton, McArthur and Alexander, took part, each of whom, to illustrate his principles, worked examples on the board. This discussion was followed by a second, on the habit of pupils asking questions concerning their lessons while others were reciting, which was introduced by a teacher who wished the aid of the Association in helping her to remove the difficulty. The matter was then discussed by Misses Rix and Kemp, Messrs. Hewton, McArthur, Silver and Truell, all of whom agreed that to prevent being disturbed during recitation, and also that the pupils might be enabled intelligently to prepare their lessons, the teacher should point out difficulties and give explanations on the day preceding the recitals.

—At the opening of the afternoon session, a reading was given by the President of the Association, Mr. R. J. Hewton, and Mr. Alexander, accompanied by his pupils, gave a song. A paper concerning the principal subjects which should be taken up and considered by the Association, was then read by Mr. Alexander. In this the reader referred to some of the duties and qualifications of the teacher. This led to a discussion on the subject of temperance and morality. The matter of teachers' diplomas was then taken up. Some thought the standard too low, and expressed a desire that the time would soon come when the department would make the requirements for an Elementary, what they are now for a Model School diploma, and for the latter, what they are for an Academy. After some discussion in the matter, it was moved by R. J. Hewton, M.A., seconded by J. H. Alexander, B.A., and resolved, that the attention of the Department be directed to the inconsistency existing in the fact that candidates for teachers' diplomas are required to make only 33½