

The officers for the current year are : President, Mr. James Hughes, P. S. Inspector ; Vice-President, Mr. R. W. Doan, head master of Victoria street school ; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. McCausland, head master Bathurst street school. Board of Directors : Messrs. McAllister and Hendry, and Misses Churchill, Keown, and Williams.

COUNTY OF WATERLOO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The above Association met in the Berlin Central School on Friday and Saturday of last week. The attendance was very good, and the proceedings throughout proved highly interesting and instructive. The first meeting was at 9 o'clock on Friday morning, the President, Mr. Alexander, in the chair. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Herner took up the subject of reading from the beginning. He considered four months sufficient time for any child to be in the first book ; the work could be gone over in that time with two lessons daily of not more than ten minutes each.

Mr. Alexander took up Arithmetic in a practical manner, shewing his way of teaching from the beginning to decimals. His mode of teaching would be to use some little articles, such as cards or beans, and putting the figure one on the board he would hold up one card, telling them that the figure on the board represented the number he had in his hand, and so on. He would teach Addition and Subtraction together, and also Multiplication and Division.

A committee, formed for the purpose of nominating the officers of the Association for the ensuing year, brought in the following report, which was adopted :—President, Mr. W. F. Chapman ; Vice-President, Mr. W. T. Biggs ; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. G. Stuernagel ; Managing Committee, Messrs. J. W. Groh, D. Marshall, J. Bingeman, and Misses M. E. Gray and A. Weber.

Mr. Hilliard considered next the question, "Is Provincial Uniformity in Text Books Desirable?" The public good must be the chief consideration in deciding this question. He suggested a committee to select books

for Provincial use, none other than such to be allowed. In discussing the question as to whether the whole thing should be thrown open to competition or the present system should be followed, he considered the system now in use, with some changes, was the better.

It was moved by Mr. Hilliard, seconded by Mr. Groh, that one text book, or a series of text books where necessary, is desirable.

Miss Young read an interesting essay on the influence of teachers over their pupils.

The business being concluded at four o'clock, the members went to the High School to hear Mr. Forsyth's lesson on Chemistry. He took up water, and shewed the different modes of decomposing it by a number of highly successful experiments.

In the evening Mr. Hughes lectured in the town hall on the subject of "Kindergarten." It is a pity the Berlinites did not honour him with a larger audience.

SECOND DAY.

Mr. Hallman spoke on "Moments in Philosophy," proving the principle of moments, and proving their use in solving difficult problems.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Alexander, Herner and Suddaby was appointed to consider to what extent the Kindergarten could be used in our common schools, and to report at next meeting of the Association.

Mr. Hughes took up Industrial Drawing. His remarks were characterized by practical thought. The same gentleman followed on the subject of Phonic Reading, shewing the superiority of the Phonic over any other system of teaching reading. He next considered Object Lessons. It would be somewhat difficult to teach in this manner in our schools for want of suitable objects. But the system was a good one. In children it was not the amount of information but development of mind that was valuable.

The Managing Committee handed in a report with the following programme for next meeting :—Arithmetic, Mr. Macintyre ; Reading, Mr. D. Erb ; Grammar, Mr. Sharman ; History, Mr. Pierce ; Should the