

to bring the matter before them at their next meeting. G. W. Ross, M.P., then took up the subject, "How to teach reading," in a practical manner, dealing with some of the common errors among pupils in reading and how to correct them; such as monotony, indistinctness, incorrect inflection, expression and emphasis; for which he received a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Geo. Baird, Jr., then discussed "How to teach Fractions," to a class of beginners, dealing with the subject in a very neat and concise manner. Mr. H. I. Strang, B.A., discussed difficulties in Analysis and Parsing, and it is needless to say, as ably and as much to the satisfaction of the teachers as ever. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.

ONTARIO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Directors of the Ontario Teachers' Association met on December 30th in the office of Inspector Hughes, Toronto. There were present Messrs. MacMurchy, Hughes, Spence, and Doan, of Toronto, Mr. Miller of St. Thomas, Mr. Boyle of Elora, Mr. Dearness of East Middlesex, and Mr. Rennie of Newmarket. Arrangements were made to invite Mr. Wickersham, State Superintendent of Pennsylvania Schools, the distinguished American educationist, to address the Convention; it was also resolved to ask Professor Goldwin Smith to deliver an address. The following subjects are among those decided to be taken up:—Recent changes in the School Law, The Teaching of Natural Science in Schools, The Supply of Teachers as affected by the present system of examination, etc.

The Board appointed a committee to reconsider the advisability of making the Association a representative one.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Messrs. Alexander, of Galt, President of the

Association, Dickenson of Stratford, the Chairman of the Public School Section, and McAllister of Toronto, no special business was arranged for the Public School Section of the Convention; this, however, will be done, as in the case of the other two sections, by correspondence.

The next meeting will be held, as usual, in the theatre of the Normal School Buildings, Toronto, on the second Tuesday in August.

The prospects of a successful meeting are excellent.

EAST KENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—

This association met in Ridgeway on Friday, October 31st, and Saturday, November 1st, 1879, with the President, Mr. Masales, in the chair. There was a large number of teachers present, who entered into the discussion of the subjects on the programme with lively interest. An excellent essay on "Consecutive Thought," was read by Mr. Masales. The essay will be published. "Amusements in Public Schools," by Mr. Ward, called forth remarks from the majority of the fraternity present. "Geography" was taken up by Mr. Frampton, who treated it in his usual lively manner. Mr. McGillivray followed with "Factors and Multiples in Arithmetic." "Studies in Public Schools" were next discussed, and a resolution was passed that the Association concur in the resolution relating to optional subjects, on the Second Class programme, passed by the West Bruce Teachers' Association at their last meeting. The subject of "Prizes in Public Schools" was taken up by Mr. Harrison, I.P.S., who was followed in the discussion by several teachers. An entertainment was given by the teachers on Friday evening, in Porter's Opera Hall.

WAL. S. MCBRAYNE, Sec'y.