

of Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Murch, it was unanimously carried that "the publishers of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL be requested to publish the address in their Journal."

Mr. McDonald presented the report of the Committee on Text-books. It recommended Kirkland and Scott's Elementary Arithmetic as the best of its kind, and also Lovell's Advanced Geography, if not too expensive.

There was a great deal of discussion with respect to introducing the latter book into the schools of the county, but the whole report was postponed for a fuller attendance in the afternoon.

Mr. Wismer, first Vice-President, tendered his resignation of that office in consequence of his appointment to Parkdale Public School. After some remarks complimentary to Mr. Wismer, the resignation was accepted, and on the proposition of Mr. Ludlow, seconded by Mr. McDonald, Mr. Murch was unanimously elected Vice-President. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Murch, Ludlow, McKinnon, I. P. S., Wismer, and the President, was appointed to consider place of next meeting, and to report whether it would be advisable to have township meetings, as a difficulty existed in getting members to attend a central Convention.

In the afternoon, Miss Grey read a very sensible paper on "The benefit derived from Calisthenic Exercises." On the motion of Mr. McDonald, it was agreed to ask the publishers of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL to give it also a place in its columns.

Mr. Donnelly then gave a few remarks on the plan of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund, which he said would be as difficult to arrange as trying to have weather to suit everybody.

In order to illustrate the system of Drill and Calisthenics pursued in the Queen Street School, Brampton, a third class from that school was marched in by Miss Brown, their teacher, and "put through their paces" in admirable style. The healthful appearance and good physique of the girls showed that their exercise agreed with them, and they seemed to take delight in being up for inspection. Miss Brown's decisive tones of command are well adapted to ensure precision. A noticeable feature in the drill was "chest and lung development," and the utterance of words strongly aspirated. After the children retired, a discussion on the merits of the system was carried on for some time, chiefly by Messrs. McKinnon, Murch, Wismer, McDonald, and the President.

The subject of an educational periodical for the Association was then considered, and after a short debate a motion of previous meeting, allowing half the price of a journal to each member, was rescinded. Mr. Noble proposed "that the whole of the price of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL be taken out of the funds, and that each member of the Association be furnished with a copy." Motion seconded by Mr. Wismer, and carried.

Miss A. Wallace read "The Painter of Seville," in a manner that elicited the highest encomiums, and on the motion of Mr. Hastings, seconded by Mr. Robinson, she received the thanks of the meeting, which were given by acclamation.

Mr. Murch explained his method of distinguishing between the true infinite, the gerund, the imperfect participle and the verbal noun. His plans were considered very satisfactory and conclusive.

**Second Day.**—Inspector McKinnon showed, with a third class from the public school, how he would introduce "History" to beginners. A discussion on the use of text-books on History followed.

Messrs. Allen, White, and Robinson were appointed a committee on the next place of meeting, and they reported: (1) That there be four conventions of one day each, held in different parts of the county; (2) That the places of meeting be as follows.—Alton, Bolton, Brampton and Streetsville; (3) That the meetings be held one day in each town, namely, on a Friday and Saturday, to be determined by the Executive, in the two former places, and on the following Friday and Saturday in the two latter. The report of the committee was adopted. In reply to a member, Mr. McKinnon stated that these four meetings would count as one of the Association. The President invited those who may attend at Brampton, to a dinner that will be provided.

The report of committee on text-books was taken up. Kirkland and Scott's Elementary Arithmetic adopted; no change to be made in the Geography at present. Several clauses relating to the Superannuation Fund were passed.

Mr. D. McKay showed his method of teaching factors in "Algebra," and their application. Discussion on the teaching of "Grammar" followed.

Mr. Galton, Classical Master, Brampton High School, thought it would be an advantage to pupils if composition were practised more, and less time taken with analysis. In this idea Inspector McKinnon coincided. Adjourned.

**EAST BRUCE.**—The Teachers' Association of this county met on the 3rd and 4th ult. in the Public School, Paisley. As the President and Vice-President were both absent, and the attendance of teachers very meagre, no business was done in the forenoon of the first day. In the afternoon, about fifty members were present, but the presiding officers were unavoidably prevented from attending. In their absence, Mr. W. R. Ducker, Principal of Burgoyne School, was moved to the chair, which he ably filled during the Convention. The minutes of previous sessions were read by Mr. C. F. Ming, Secretary, and confirmed. He also read letters of apology from Mr. G. W. Ross M.P. and Mr. J. L. Hughes, who were invited, but could not attend. Mr. Ducker read a paper on "Order, and how to

secure it," in which he showed that the teacher's own manner was a guide to the school. The teacher should not be noisy; he should vary the exercises; small pupils should have an extra time for recreation in fine weather; the pupils should be interested in their business, discipline should not be overdone, especially in graded schools; too many rules should not be made, but those framed must be strictly obeyed. The paper was considered well worthy of the attention of the teachers.

Mr. McCannell very practically illustrated his method of teaching "Reduction" to young children. In reply to Mr. Ritchie, he said he would explain the principles of the rule and its simple workings previous to teaching fractions. Mr. Ming and the chairman criticised the exercise. On the motion of Mr. Ming, seconded by Mr. McCannell, it was unanimously decided to apportion a part of the funds of the Association towards obtaining the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL at club rate for the members.

Mr. J. L. Robertson demonstrated the Tonic Sol-fa Method of teaching "Singing at Sight," which greatly interested those present, and for which he received the thanks of the meeting.

In the evening, matters connected with inspection reports were brought forward and discussed, but they possessed no public interest.

The forenoon of the second day was occupied with the "Question Drawer," which, though pretty full, was disposed of with wisdom and skill by Messrs. Ducker and Ming. The subject of the previous evening was also resumed. Some general business was transacted, after which the Convention closed.

**EAST VICTORIA.**—The Convention of this Association was held in the Cambridge Street School, Lindsay, on the 26th and 27th November. In the absence of Mr. John Shaw, M.A., president, Mr. V. E. Tilley, Vice-president, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. on the 26th. Minutes of previous sessions, read by Mr. J. H. McFaul, secretary, were adopted.

Mr. Grigg read a very interesting paper on "Literature," which was afterwards discussed with much ability by Messrs. Knight, I.P.S., Junkin and Sherwood. Mr. H. Reazin, I.P.S., West Victoria, gave a very practical lecture on "Teaching Reading to Beginners," which gave rise to sharp questioning by the members, and important information was elicited. In the afternoon, "Difficulties in Grammar" were well handled by Mr. J. H. Knight, I.P.S., and equally well debated by Messrs. McFaul, Junkin, Irwin, the Vice-president and others.

Mr. J. H. McFaul illustrated, with a class, how he would teach the simple rules of Arithmetic, and his method appeared to give great satisfaction. The Convention met in the evening in the Town Hall, Dr. G. A. Norris, of Omamee, Warden of Victoria, in the chair. Mr. J. H. Knight read a paper bearing on "The relation of Music and Reading with respect to Teaching." Messrs. Seymour and Andrews contributed some selections of instrumental music, which added considerably to the attractions. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Town Council for use of hall, to the Chairman and to those who took part in the evening's entertainment.

**Second Day.** Mr. G. Suttee read a well-written paper on "Entrance Examinations," or rather "Compulsory Promotion Tests." He thought the Inspector was the best judge of the children's proficiency, and could without impartiality advance them, whereas if it were left to the teacher he might be influenced by a desire to get a good name, or by parents to push them forward, making the state of the school very awkward for his successor. He would be in favor of the adoption of the system of uniform promotions at simultaneous examinations. The subject led to a general discussion, which was maintained with spirit and skill by Messrs. Junkin, Grigg, Sherwood, Irwin, Reazin, and McFaul, some taking the view of the essayist, and others that the conscientious teacher should know best whom to promote. The chairman did not consider written examinations the best test of a child's knowledge, but as regards promotions, some decided step should be taken to secure uniformity.

Mr. Reazin then gave a brief history of Grammar, and showed that there was need of uniformity on that subject also. He recommended practical teaching, and that the teacher should note errors overheard from the children and correct them. He knew teachers who were well acquainted with Grammar that spoke bad English, and he humorously illustrated his remarks. He would begin teaching the subject before using a text-book. In the debate which followed, several good suggestions were thrown out.

Mr. W. E. Tilley took up "Algebra," and worked out in a masterly manner several difficult operations. Votes of thanks to Mr. Reazin for his instructive addresses, and to Mr. Knight for his lecture the previous evening brought the proceedings to a close.

**BRANT.**—The semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in the Collegiate Institute, Brantford, on the 19th and 20th November. The attendance was not so great as was expected, but a sufficient number of teachers, including those in training at the Central Model School, were present to make the proceedings interesting. The discussions on the several subjects were well sustained, and were successful in eliciting much information of real practical value to the members. The President, Dr. M. J. Kelly, L.L.B., called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. on the 19th. The minutes of previous convention were read by Mr. W. Rothwell, Secretary, and approved; also a statement of accounts, which was handed over to the Auditors, Messrs. Williamson and Mackintosh, to report on. The