TEACHERS' CONVENTIONS.

The Birtle Convention, he'd on the 8th and 9th of June was well attended, there being about thirty-five teachers present. Both Normal School teachers and the local inspector, Mr. Sparling were in attendance. Mr. Thos. Young the retiring president occupied the chair. Friday was devoted to a paper on "Character Developement," treating of the effect of environment upon the child nature, to Mr. Goggin's paper on "Reading," an abstract of which wi l be found in another column, and to Miss Hayes' paper on "Oral Reading." In the evening Mr. Goggin gave a public address on the "Relation of Education to the State," followed by speeches from Messrs. McIntyre, Morrison Wood and Crawford. Saturday was devoted to papers on "Reasoning in Arithmetic" and "Geography," by Mr. W. A. McIntyre and Mr. W. H. Cartme'l respectively.

The following officers were elected :—Pres., J. H. Sparling, Local Inspector ; Vice-Pres., Richard Hargreaves ; Secretary, W. H. Cartmell ; Treasurer, Miss Hayes.

The Emerson Convention was held on the 15th and 16th ultimo, Mr. McIntyre in the chair. The following is the programme.

FRIDAY.

Opening address.....The Chairman.
Address .....The Superintendent of Education.
Paper....."The Exterior Factor,".....Geo Burrell.
Paper...." Reasoning in Arithmetic,".W. A. McIntyre.
Addresses ..... { The Superintendent, and Messrs. McIntyre, McCalman and Davis.

SATURDAY.

Word Lesson.....Miss McLeod.
Question Drawer.....
Lesson..... ....." Evangeline," Mr. W. A. McIntyre

The officers elect are, Pres., D. H. McCalman, Local Inspector ; Vice-Pres., Miss Cameron ; Secy., A. S. Rose.

The Deloraine Convention was held on the 22nd and 23rd of June. Very little preparation was made by the teachers of the district for the Convention, so the chief feature of the meeting was Mr. Goggin's paper on "Reading" and the practical applications given by him, together with Mr. Hunt's notes on his work.

The Virden Convention was held on the same days, Mr. McIntyre presiding. The Convention was opened with a question drawer ; this was followed by a paper on Reading by Mr. T. T. Grimmett. The subject of mathematics was then taken up and treated by Mr. Erskine in a paper on "Number," and by Mr. McIntyre in a paper on "Reasoning in Arithemetic" A public meeting in the evening with D. McLean, M P.P., in the chair was addressed by Messrs. Sparling, McIntyre and Currie and the Superintendent of Education.

The programme on Saturday consisted of a paper by Mr. J. W. Peters on "History," a paper by Mr. J. C. Saul on "Geography," an address by Mr. Sparling on inspectors' work, and a lesson from "Evangeline" by Mr. McIntyre. The papers were all well discussed by the teachers present.

The Carberry Convention, June 29th and 30th, was the last and one of the best of the series. The papers read were all excellent. The programme was as follows :—

"Number"..... ....Mr. Erskine, Virden.
"Composition"..E. W. Montgomery, B.A., Carberry.
"Reasoning in Arithmetic"..... .....Mr. McIntyre.
"Botany".....Mr. Bodkin, Sidney.
"Utility of Drawing"..... .....Mr. Pye, Burnside.
"Professional Training," G. Gahan, B. A., Poplar Pt.
"Literature,"..... G. Grierson, Minnedosa.
"Reading,".....Mr. Goggin.

A public meeting was held on Friday evening, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. Goggin, McIntyre and Wellwood.

CANADIAN COLLEGES.

St. Boniface College swept all before it at the Previous Examination of Manitoba University.

W. J. Ashley, M. A. of Oxford, has been appointed to fill the new chair of Political Science in Toronto University. A Law Faculty is also to be established.

Ontario keeps in advance of the times in education. The Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, has been on a "search for ideas" among the schools of the United States. One of the first results is to be the appointment of a professor of architecture, etc., in Toronto University.

Sir John A. Macdonald was present at the convocation of conferring degrees of Trinity University, and delivered an address. He received such an ovation as only college students know how to give. He was also present at the closing of the Royal Military College, Kingston

Queen's College is about to appoint two additional professors, one of English language and literature, the other of French and German languages and literature; two more tutors are also to be added and a science hall built. Queen's will then be the most efficiently equipped college in Canada

Dr. Daniel Wilson, of Toronto University has declined the proffered honor of knighthood. He has decided wisely. Knighthood could confer no honor upon the President of Toronto University. His position is infinitely beyond that of a mere knight ; he is sovereign of an empire, an empire of intellect, and a tawdry honor shared alike by the ignoramus and the educated might detract from the lustre of his name but it could never add to it.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The closing exercises of Brandon Convent were held on the 27th of June. An entertainment given by the pupils in the evening was so much appreciated that it was repeated the following evening.

The closing entertainment in connection with St. John's Ladies School took place on the 21st of June. The prizes awarded to the successful pupils were presented by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Aikins. The school year just closed has been a most successful one, both as to the number of pupils in attendance and the character of the work done.

The closing exercises of St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg, were held on the morning of Friday, the 22nd ultimo. A large number of parents and friends of the pupils were present. A pleasing musical programme was rendered, followed by the distribution of prizes to the successful pupils. The Academy will reopen the last week in August.