

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTH WELLINGTON. A successful and well-attended meeting of the North Wellington Teachers' Association was held at Drayton, October 4th and 5th. At intervals the exercises were pleasantly varied by music, readings, and recitations. The President, Mr. Westervelt, Head Master Mount Forest Model School, addressed the Association on "How can Teachers Associate most Profitably?" His remarks were so interesting that it was resolved to have the paper published. Mr. Wait, of Harriston Public School, read an excellent paper on "Temperance." Upon a motion, the Association resolved to furnish each member with a copy of Richardson's Manual on Temperance. Mr. D. F. H. Wilkins, B.A., B.Ap.Sc., then lectured on "Moments in Natural Philosophy," illustrating his remarks by practical examples. In the afternoon Mr. Neil McEachern drilled a class of boys in a very interesting manner. An essay, entitled "Common People vs. Common Schools," was then read by Mr. Leopold Davidson, of Glenallan Public School. By way of criticism, it is sufficient to say that the essay will be published, and 2,000 copies procured for distribution. Miss Sutherland, in a simple and explicit manner, introduced "Interest and Per Cent. to a Fourth Class," after which Mr. T. S. Brough took the board and explained his method of teaching Geography. Mr. Donly addressed the teachers on the merits of the Royal Series of Readers, and the meeting adjourned for the day. In the evening an entertainment was held, consisting of music, readings and recitations. Prof. Mills, of the O. A. C., Guelph, then addressed the audience on "What should be Taught in Public Schools." Next morning the meeting re-opened. The essay read by Mr. John E. Bryant, Head Master Galt Collegiate Institute, before the last meeting of the Provincial Association, was then discussed. After a lengthy debate, the following resolution was carried by a large majority:—"That while this Association does not altogether approve of the present system, still it is, in their opinion, preferable to the change suggested." Mr. McMurchy, B.A., Head Master Harriston High School, dealt with "Algebraic Factors: how to find them, and how to use them." An essay was read by Mr. Shields, B.A., of Mount Forest High School, on the "Relation of Public Schools to High Schools." He said the schools were mutually dependent. High School Teachers, he thought, required a professional training, and all teachers should know something about

Physiology and Psychology. It was resolved to engage Mr. De Graff, of Syracuse, N.Y., to conduct a union meeting of Wellington teachers. A Committee was appointed to draft a constitution. Management Committee for next year:—Messrs. A. McPherson (Arthur), T. A. Brough, A. Hellyer, G. P. Meacham and M. Corbett. Mr. S. T. Perry then explained a simple method of introducing "Division," after which the Association adjourned to meet next at Harriston.—T. A. BROUGH, Cor.

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SOUTH WELLINGTON.—The last meeting of the South Wellington and Guelph City Teachers' Association was held in Fergus on the 12th and 13th ult. President J. J. Craig, I.P.S., in the chair. During the first day's session Mr. Nairn lucidly explained how to teach fractions to junior pupils. Mr. Craig delivered a pithy and practical address on his retiring from the presidency, and Mr. James Mills, M.A., of the O. A. C., Guelph, spoke for nearly an hour on "Composition in Public Schools." On motion, it was resolved to request that Mr. Mills send his paper for publication in the columns of *THE MONTHLY*. A portion of the afternoon was taken up in discussing the Reading Book question, and a resolution was passed in favour of adopting the Royal Canadian series, if authorized previous to December 1st, failing that, then Gage's Readers. Mr. Petrie, as delegate to the Provincial Association, presented his report. An enjoyable evening was spent in the Drill Shed, the entertainment consisting of music, song, recitation, and a satirical paper, by Mr. Boyle, on "The Natural History of Schoolmasters." "Fourth Book Literature," by Mr. James McLean, was taken up on the following day, as was the subject of "How to Secure Intelligible Reading," by Mr. R. Eadie, B.A. Arrangements were set on foot for holding a union meeting with North Wellington, either in Fergus or Elora. The election of officers resulted in Mr. A. Petrie, of Elora, being made President, and Mr. R. N. Gibbs, of Elora, Secretary.

STORMONT.—The Stormont teachers assembled in Cornwall on the 25th and 26th of October. During the first day's session the chair was occupied by Mr. Talbot, Head Master Cornwall Model School, and on the second day by President McNaughton, I.P.S. Various interesting and practical papers were