

visiting days. Teachers are requested to prepare to take part in the discussions which will follow each address. T. White, Secretary; H. Rearin, I.P.S., President.

#### ELGIN.

The next regular meeting of the above Association will be held in St. Thomas, Friday, the 31st May, and Saturday, 1st June. The attendance of the President of the Ontario Teachers' Association, Dr. J. A. McLellan, High School Inspector, will render the occasion one of more than ordinary interest. Programme. Friday, 31st May—10 to 11 a.m., General Business and Election of Officers; 11 to 12 a.m., Written Examinations for Public School Pupils, Mr. N. M. Campbell, Principal of Elgin County Model School; 2 to 3 p.m., English Grammar for Junior Pupils, Mr. A. F. Butler, County Inspector; 3 to 4 p.m., Arithmetic, J. A. McLellan, L.L.D., High School Inspector; 7:30 p.m., True Spirit of the Teacher, Mr. A. F. Butler; A Paper on the Joint Education of the Sexes, by J. Millar, B.A., Head Master of St. Thomas High School; Address by Dr. McLellan. Saturday, 1st June—9 to 10 a.m., Reading, Dr. McLellan; 10 to 11 a.m., Object Teaching, Mr. S. C. Williams, Principal Aylmer Public School; 11 to 12, Question Drawer. Thos. Leitch, Secretary.

#### KINGSTON.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Frontenac and Kingston Teachers' Association will be held at the Court House, Kingston, on Thursday and Friday, the 13th and 14th June, 1878. Thursday—Morning Session—11 a.m., to 12, General Business. Afternoon Session—1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Spelling and Dictation, introduced by Mr. D. McIntyre; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Geometry, introduced by Mr. David Robb; 3:30 to 4:40 p.m., Geometry, introduced by Prof. Macoun, of Albert College, Belleville. Evening—Public Lecture at 8 o'clock by Prof. Macoun, on "The North-West of our Dominion." Friday—Morning Session—9 to 10 a.m., Reading, introduced by Mr. J. S. Wood; 10 to 11 a.m., Botany, introduced by Prof. Macoun; 11 a.m. to 12, Questions and General Discussion. Afternoon Session—1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Grammar, introduced by Mr. S. Woods, M.A.; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Arithmetic, introduced by Mr. W. J. Summerby; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., General Business (including election of officers). On Friday evening a Grand Moonlight Excursion among the "Thousand Islands" will take place. The steamer will leave the wharf, foot of Brock Street, at 7 o'clock, and return at 10. Tickets 25 cents. S. Ranton, Secretary. N. F. Dupuis, M.A., President.

#### DURHAM.

The first Convention of Teachers, for the County of Durham, under the new Regulations, will be held in the Public School Buildings, Port Hope, on Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th, 1878. Programme:—Friday—10 a.m. to 12, Organization and Election of Officers; 2 to 3 p.m., Preparation of Lessons by Teachers, P. N. Davoy; 3 to 4 p.m., Algebra, Dr. McLellan; 4 to 5 p.m., Literature for Entrance, and 3rd Class Certificates, D. J. Goggin. Evening Session—8 p.m., A Public Lecture will be delivered by Dr. McLellan, Inspector of High Schools. Saturday—9 to 10 a.m., Reading, Dr. McLellan; 10 to 11 a.m., Drawing, J. H. Brown; 11 a.m. to 12, Lecture on Vision, Dr. Hamilton; 2 to 3 p.m., Arithmetic, Dr. McLellan; 3 to 4 p.m., Composition, W. Oliver, B.A.; 4 to 5 p.m., Question Drawer. Questions to be handed in on Friday, A. Purslow, B.A., L.L.B. J. Squair, Secretary, A. Purslow, B.A., L.L.B., President.

**EAST KENT.**—The Teachers' Association was held in Ridgetown on May 17th and 18th. Mr. Joseph Foy discussed the subject of "Writing," strongly advocating a method which is new. It consists of a partly angular hand. In the afternoon Professor McLellan gave a rare treat in Arithmetic, by showing that problems, which are apparently hard are not so in reality, if we take a proper survey of the question to be solved. He was followed by Mr. W. M. Ward on "Geometry." Dr. McLellan next proceeded to take up the subject of "Reading," discussing in his very able manner the essentials of good reading, drawing particular attention to fluency, distinctness, good pronunciation, expression, &c., and urging upon all teachers to read aloud in order to master the subject before attempting to teach it to their scholars. He then made a couple of selections and read extracts from them to illustrate the different methods of reading. In the evening the Doctor lectured on "This Canada of Ours" to an intelligent and interested audience. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Doctor at the close. On Saturday, after receiving and adopting the Secretary-Treasurer's financial report, Mr. Harrison, I. P. S., reported having received a Government grant of \$50, which was voted to be applied to the library fund. The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the year, resulting in Mr. J. K. Moore as President; Mr. G. W. Shelder, Vice President, and Mr. Joseph Foy, Secretary-Treasurer. After a number of motions relating to association matters, it was moved, seconded, and carried, that letters of delegation be granted by the Secretary to members of this Association who may wish to attend the Provincial Association. Next came the discussion of "Algebra," introduced by Mr. Geo. Munro, and afterwards freely discussed by different members of the Association.

JOSEPH FOY, Secy.

### Readings and Recitations.

#### ANNIE LAURIE.

The night before the attacks on the Malakoff and the Redan, the British soldiers in the trenches before Sebastopol sang Annie Laurie. The song was started by one at first, but was gradually caught up from line to line until it was sung by nearly the whole camp. The incident has been beautifully described by more than one poet. A very fine effect may be produced at an exhibition by having one pupil, a good singer, recite the following address to his companions to introduce the song. He should then sing the first stanza as a solo, and the division or class nearest to him should join in the chorus. He should then sing the second stanza as a solo, and two divisions join in the chorus, &c. The

whole of the pupils should be divided into as many parts as there are verses in the song, so that the whole school may sing the chorus to the last verse.

Brave comrades neath yon setting sun,  
That gilds the western sky,  
The fairest isles of all the earth  
On ocean's bosom lie.

And many a mother, sister, wife,  
And loving sweetheart there,  
Will breathe to God for you and me  
To-night a heart-felt prayer.

How gladly would we go to-night  
On furlough to the West,  
To spend one blissful hour at home  
With those we love the best.

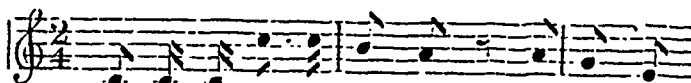
What sweet re-unions we would have  
By hearth and trusting tree,  
With loved ones in the dear old land;  
But such things cannot be.

Before that sun again declines  
We'll storm yon Russian towers,  
And both the frowning Malakoff  
And dark Redan be ours.

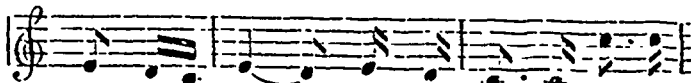
But many a gallant British heart  
Must bleed before they fall,  
And few of us may live to see  
Our flag upon their walls.

Join then with me while yet we may,  
And in our sweetest tone  
We'll sing o' Annie Laurie, but  
We'll think each of his own.

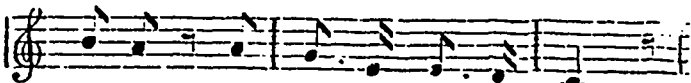
ANNIE LAURIE.



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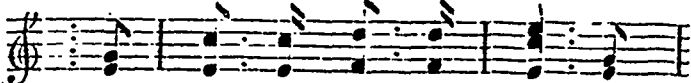


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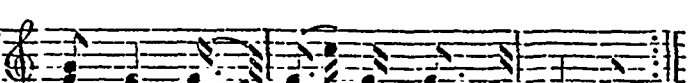
Chorus.



Gie'd me her promise true. Which



ne'er forgot will be; And for bon - nie An - nie



Laurie, I'd lay me down and dee.

