

of thanks was also tendered to the Mayor for the able manner in which he presided.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read, and its consideration postponed till the next session.

Mr. Hicks read an admirable essay on "What books a teacher should read." This was both instructive and entertaining, and at its conclusion Mr. Hicks was tendered a most hearty vote of thanks.

The third session commenced at 9 a.m., on Saturday. Minutes of previous session confirmed. Mr. D. Currie proceeded with his subject, "The Lever," which he handled in a full and lucid manner. This was highly appreciated by the teachers, who accorded him a unanimous vote of thanks.

Rev. F. McCaig was next introduced to the convention, who read an excellent paper on "Teaching Morals." This was attentively listened to and met with great applause. A vote of thanks was also tendered the Rev. gentleman for his essay.

Mr. Crooks was tendered an enthusiastic resolution of thanks, for his visit and the interest he manifested in the teachers' work. He was also elected an honorary member of the Association.

The report of the Resolution Committee was then taken up, clause by clause, and adopted, as follows:—

1. That in the opinion of this Convention, County and City Boards of Examiners be not allowed to renew third-class certificates, except in the case of assistant teachers of the first and second forms, on the recommendation of an Inspector and a Board of Trustees, and those certificates be legal only for the school in which they are then engaged; also, that an elementary knowledge of book-keeping, human physiology, natural philosophy, algebra, and geometry be required, and also Canadian and English history.

2. That there be three public examinations in each year, viz: at the end of the 1st, 2nd and 4th terms.

3. That natural history, agricultural chemistry, domestic economy, civil government, botany, and Christian morals, as taught from a text book, be made optional subjects.

4. That the Easter holidays be dispensed with, except Good Friday and Easter Monday.

5. That one day each half be allowed to teachers attending teachers' conventions.

Mr. Wood then gave an excellent rendering of "The Raven." The following officers were appointed:—President, Mr. A. Dewar, I. P. S.; Secretary, Geo. Baird, jr.; Provincial delegate, H. I. Strang, B. A. The constitution was so changed as to provide that the Executive Committee be composed of the President, Secretary, and the Presidents of the Affiliated Local Institutes. The Varna, Exeter, and Clinton districts are now affiliated.

A vote of thanks was given the retiring officers, after which the convention adjourned, to meet again in September.

—The following circular has been issued by the Education Department in regard to the High School and Intermediate Examinations:

*1st. Mode of conducting the Examinations.*

—1. Each Head Master shall send to the Education Department, before the 1st of June, a list of the names of those who intend to present themselves for examination, and a statement of the *optional* subjects selected by each candidate. To each name so sent the Department will affix a *Number*, which must be employed by the candidate instead of his usual signature throughout the entire examination.

2. The Department will provide envelopes, of convenient dimensions, to be sent out with the examination papers—one envelope with each paper.

3. The Public School Inspector of the district in which the High School is situated shall preside, and be responsible for the proper conduct of the Examinations; but in case of any inability to attend, shall send to the Minister of Education for his approval, not later than the 1st June, the name of the person whom he intends to appoint his substitute at those Examinations at which he himself cannot preside.

*2nd. Directions to Presiding Examiners.*

—1. Places must be allotted to the candidates so that they may be at least five feet apart. All diagrams or maps, having reference to the subjects of examination must be removed from the room.

2. All these arrangements must be completed, and the necessary stationery (provided by the High School Board) must be distributed and placed in order on the