

ous short methods of performing multiplication." After a short discussion by Messrs. Reazin, Shaw and McRae, Mr. E. R. Eddy read a very interesting and well prepared essay on Reading. He strongly recommended a combination of the three leading modes of teaching the young, taking the look and say method as the base. A very interesting discussion followed, by Messrs. Reazin, Shaw and Eddy. In the absence of Inspector Knight, Mr. Shaw read an excellent essay entitled "A Paper on Paper," treating of its value as a medium for conveying knowledge, of its various uses in mercantile transactions, and of its original manufacture. The Convention then adjourned to meet again at the call of the president.

NORTH HASTINGS. This Association met in Madoc, June 9th and 10th. After the usual routine business, Mr. Morton took up the subject of Writing, showing his method of teaching it. He would begin the teaching of script characters when the pupil enters Part II., giving him pen and ink when he enters the Second Reader. He was followed in discussion by Messrs. Kirk, Shannon and Mackintosh. In the afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—President, Mr. Kirk, Vice President, Mr. Morton; Secretary Treasurer, Miss Riddell, Librarian, Miss McDermid, Councillors Miss Cosbey, Messrs. Hobbs, Henderson, Rowe, Tait, Beall, Shannon and Mackintosh. Delegate to Provincial Association, Mr. Kirk. Mr. Kirk then showed his method of teaching Practical Arithmetic to Fourth Class, illustrating on the board the types of questions he would give to teach the pupil such Arithmetic as he would need after he left school. After a duet by Messrs. Kirk and Miller, the subject of the "Proposed changes in Superannuation Fund" was introduced by Mr. Tait, in an able essay. After a brief discussion a committee was appointed to take into consideration the proposed changes in the law, and report upon the same. During the discussion, Mr. Mackintosh left the chair which he had so long occupied as President, and it was moved by Mr. Morton, seconded by Mr. Tait, and unanimously carried, "That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the retiring President, Mr. Mackintosh, for the very courteous and able manner in which he has presided over our meetings, and for the untiring zeal which he has always manifested in our welfare as teachers." The proceedings of the afternoon were brought to a close by a duet by the Misses Christie. On the morning of June 10th, after the minutes of the previous day had been read and approved, the committee appointed to nominate Examiners for the coming Uniform Promotion Examination, reported the following as having been chosen.—Messrs. Sutherland, Beall, W. A. Shannon, Armour, Rowe, Tait, Morton, Hobbs, Beal, Jenkins, Henderson, Misses Christie, Campbell, McDermid, Riddell. The report was adopted. The Geography of Ontario was then discussed by Mr. Sutherland, who, after mentioning the points to which he would give greatest attention, gave the Railroad system of the Province. He was followed in discussion, by Messrs. Johnston, Kirk, Tait and Hobbs. After a reading by Mr. Rowe, Mr. Mackintosh spoke to the teachers at some length on the Uniform Promotion Examinations, giving advice as to the best methods of conducting them, examining papers, etc. After discussion it was resolved that not more than fifty per cent. of the value be given to any problem in Arithmetic of which the answer is not correct. It was also resolved to publish the names of the successful candidates for promotion to Fourth and Fifth, with the number of marks obtained by each. The subject of Composition was then introduced by Miss Riddell, and after a short discussion, in which Messrs. Johnston, Kirk, and Mackintosh took part, the meeting adjourned. In the afternoon the report of the committee on the Superannuation Fund was read, and after a very lively discussion it was resolved that this Association advise that the Fund be abolished, the money on hand to be refunded to those teachers who have paid into the Fund with interest at five per cent. After a duet by the Misses Christie, Mr. Johnston, I. P. S., South Hastings, took up the subject of Mental Arithmetic. It should, he said, be taught thoroughly to junior classes by means of very easy questions. After a reading by Mr. Sutherland, and a song by Mr. Miller, Mr. Mackintosh was called on to give his suggestions to teachers, but owing to the lateness of the hour he desired to postpone his remarks. One of the teachers having been thrown from a buggy on her way to the Convention, it was unanimously resolved that a committee of ladies be appointed to draft a letter of condolence to Miss Cosbey on account of the accident. Votes of thanks were given to Mr. Johnston, Mrs. and the Misses Christie, for their assistance in making the Convention successful; and after singing the National Anthem, the Association adjourned.

SOUTH GREY. This Association held its semi annual Convention at Flesherton on the 19th and 20th May, and was largely attended. The Oddfellows of that town, with the kindness characteristic of that body, gave their neat, comfortable hall for the accommodation of the teachers, who seemed deeply sensible of the compliment. The President, Mr. W. Ferguson, I. P. S., opened the proceeding in the usual manner, and then delivered a very practical and encouraging address, in which he stated that educational matters during the past year were in a progressive state, the proportion of trained and higher graded teachers increased, and the work in the school room, as a rule, more efficiently performed. Messrs. Armstrong, Galbraith, McMaster, Jones and McDonald were ap-

pointed a committee of nomination. Mr. Armstrong took up the subject of "Methods," which he treated of in an instructive and interesting paper. He was followed by Mr. Galbraith, who clearly and easily illustrated his plan of teaching "Geometry to Beginners." He did not approve of the memorizing idea, but adopted the reasoning style whereby the pupils were brought to understand the *why* and *wherefore* of every operation. All present acknowledged the superiority and applicability of Mr. Galbraith's plan. Mr. Jones took up "Teachers' Encouragements and Discouragements" as his subject, and treated it in a masterly manner. The proceedings in the afternoon were unusually interesting. The township of Melancton and Shelbourne having been separated from South Grey to form part of the newly organized inspectorial district of Dufferin, the teachers from that township took occasion to express their feelings before the Convention. The vice-president, Mr. Armstrong, occupied the chair, while Mr. Mortimer read an address to Mr. Inspector Ferguson expressive of their high appreciation of his gentlemanly demeanour, courtesy and kindness, as their inspector and friend. Mr. Ferguson replied in feeling and appropriate language. Mr. R. D. Irvine read a carefully prepared paper on "Teaching Arithmetic to Beginners," and illustrated his method. Mr. J. Tait, of Collingwood Collegiate Institute, gave a very practical and highly instructive address on "Teaching English History," which was heard with great attention and was much appreciated. On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Barkwell, seconded by Mr. J. C. Bain, Sec., a special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Tait for his excellent address. Mr. McMaster then read a suggestive and well compiled paper on "Mistakes in teaching Reading to Beginners," which provoked a very animated and profitable discussion that was joined in by Rev. Mr. Barkwell, Messrs. Tait, Campbell and others. The Committee on nominations brought in their report, which, after two changes, was adopted, and the following are the officers for the ensuing year.—President, Mr. Armstrong; Vice-President, Mr. Galbraith; Secretary, Mr. John C. Bain; delegate, Mr. Galbraith. Committee of Management—Messrs. McMaster, Hall, Leonard, D. McDonald, and N. W. Campbell. Auditors, Messrs. Irvine and Sharpe. Mr. Ferguson, who had been president since the commencement of the Association, was pressed to continue in that office, but he wished, for many reasons, to retire. In the evening an entertainment was given in the Division Court House, Mr. Richardson presiding. The spacious room was packed, and the programme seemed to give the greatest satisfaction. Songs were sung by Miss E. Danude, Rev. Mr. Barkley; Miss Christie and Miss Creeper (duet), Miss M. Vandusen and Miss A. Philp (duet); Miss Clara Phillips, Miss A. Trimble and Mr. McMaster (trio); Mr. Tait gave some humorous recitations which caused much merriment; Mr. Jones read "Enoch Arden" with great taste and ability, and Mr. W. Ferguson told some amusing anecdotes. Dr. Christoe, Warden of the county, gave a brief address contrasting the old style of teaching with the modern, and bore high testimony to the efficiency of the schools in South Grey, and their marked progress under the able superintendence of the Inspector, Mr. Ferguson. The Rev. Mr. Philp welcomed the teachers to Flesherton, to whom he gave some stirring words of encouragement and sound advice. Mr. J. L. Robertson, of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, gave a brief address on the benefit of Teachers' Conventions. Mr. Ferguson thanked the people of Flesherton for their kind welcome and cordial reception, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the members of the I. O. O. F., for the generous accommodation of the Convention in their handsome hall. It was seconded by Mr. Armstrong and carried with acclamation. Mr. Hooper, on behalf of the brethren, responded. Mr. J. C. Bain proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tait for his services at the several sessions of the Convention, seconded by Mr. Maccauley, and passed. The meeting was then closed with the National Anthem. *Second Day.* After devotional exercises at 9 a. m., the roll was called. The Auditors' report was then read and approved. The secretary was telegraphed for in consequence of affliction in his family and Mr. P. McMaster was appointed secretary *pro tem.* Much sympathy with Mr. Bain in his affliction was expressed by the president and members. Mr. Jones said that many of the teachers were anxious to obtain some educational periodical, and he thought as there was a substantial balance on the treasurer's hands they could not appropriate their subscription fee to a more worthy purpose. As the lady members were not hitherto required to pay a fee, he moved that the Constitution be amended to enable them to become paying members. Mr. McMaster seconded and it was passed. Mr. Jones then moved that each member be supplied with a copy of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL or GAGG'S SCHOOL EXAMINER, to commence with the May number; seconded by Mr. McMaster and carried unanimously. Dr. Christoe, Warden of Grey County, entered at this stage, and was received with all honour. A deputation to wait on the County Council was then appointed with the object of inducing them to renew the usual annual grant to the Association. Mr. Greg, of Owen Sound High School, apologized for the unavoidable absence of Mr. O'Connor, and then read an extremely practical paper on "How to secure Uniformity of Classification in the Schools of the County," for which, on the motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Galbraith, he received the best thanks of the Association. Mr. N. W. Campbell brought forward some difficult sentences which were subjected to the combined grammatical knowledge of the members, and