

And heard the trembling of her voice,
As if a fault confessing.

"I'm sorry that I spelt the word :
I hate to go above you,
Because"—the brown eyes lower fell—
"Because, you see, I love you."

Still memory to a grey-haired man
That sweet child-face is showing.
Dear girl! the grasses on her grave
Have forty years been growing!

He lives to learn, in life's hard school,
How few who pass above him
Lament their triumph and his loss,
Like her, because they love him!—W'hittier.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

SOUTH ESSEX.—A very successful meeting of the South Essex Teachers' Association was held in Kingsville, June 12th and 13th, 1879. The following officers were appointed: President, Mr. D. A. Maxwell, I.P.S.; Vice-President, Miss M. J. Johnston; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. E. Wightman; Auditors, Mr. Long and Mr. Chisholm. Mr. Maxwell reported that he had obtained 120 volumes for the Teachers' Library, and that he hoped to obtain more during the holidays.

The following subjects were discussed: Writing, introduced by Mr. Chisholm; Arithmetic, by Mr. Henning; Literature, for fourth class, by Mr. Wightman; English History, by Mr. Stacy; School Hygiene, by J. C. Russell; English, for fifth class, by Mr. Hyslop. Mr. Maxwell read an essay on the "Laws of Teaching," which was highly appreciated by the teachers, and he was requested to publish the same in the local papers.

The circular from the Waterloo Teachers' Association was discussed, and the following resolution adopted:—Resolved, that this Association cannot entertain the proposition of the Waterloo Teachers' Association, deeming it improper that any change should be made in the present Law and Regulations respecting Third Class Teachers' qualifications except that the County Model School training be for three months instead of two.

The plan of holding a competitive examination in connection with the County Agricultural Fair was discussed, and Messrs. Long, Henning and Maxwell were appointed a committee to wait on the directors, and if the plan seemed feasible, arrange matters with regard to the same. It was also resolved to continue the system of monthly examinations with two promotion examinations in the year, namely, in March and November. All the teachers agreed that the monthly examinations were of great value in imprinting the subjects taught on the minds of the pupils.

EAST VICTORIA.—The third half-yearly convention of the East Victoria Teachers' Association was held at Lindsay, on Friday and Saturday, May 30th and 31st. The subjects introduced and discussed were as follows: Advantages of Teachers' Institutes, Mr. Dobson, Lindsay High School; Prosody, Mr. Knight, P. S. Inspector; Interest, Mr. Wood, Fenelon Falls; English Literature, Mr. Earle, Peterborough Collegiate Institute; Physical Geography, Mr. Cooke, Lindsay High School; School Music, Mr. Knight, P. S. Inspector; Questioning Miss Panton, Peterborough Public School; Reading from Macaulay's *Lays of Ancient Rome*, Mr. Cooke, Lindsay High School; Words, Mr. Dobson, Lindsay High School; Answers to Question Drawer, Committee; Object Lesson on Sponge with class, Miss Blisdell, Peterborough Public School. On Friday evening the exercises were enlivened by excellent vocal music by the pupils, under the direction of Miss Peplow and Mr. McFaul. J. H. KNIGHT,
Lindsay, 17th June, 1879. P. S. Inspector.

NORTH HASTINGS.—A card from the Secretary of Waterloo Teachers' Association, depreciating the training of Third Class Teachers in Public Schools, so far as the non-professional subjects are concerned, suggesting that all teachers be required to pass the Intermediate before attending County Model Schools, and raising the age of candidates to 20 and 10 years respectively, was read.

Mr. Mackintosh, I. P. S., and Messrs. Kirk, Fuller and Thompson having spoken adversely, a committee appointed for the purpose drew up the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"That this Association, in regard to the abolition of Third Class Certificate non-professional examination, and the substitution thereof of the Intermediate examination, are decidedly of the opinion that at the present time any such change would, instead of promoting the educational interests of the Province, operate prejudicially.

"This Association is still further of the opinion that frequent changes

in the standard of Teachers' Examinations are unwise. They would respectfully suggest to the Hon. the Minister of Education, that immense benefits would accrue to the cause of popular education were our Normal School system increased in efficiency. Well-considered and wise efforts made in that direction would do much to solve many of the educational problems now demanding solution."

Mr. Geo. Kirk then discussed "Preparation of Home Lessons on part of Teacher," giving specimens of notes upon various subjects. Afternoon Session.—Upon motion, Mr. G. A. Thompson was appointed delegate to the Provincial Teachers' Association. Mr. W. Mackintosh then took up "Reading to Tablet Classes," going into detail and thoroughly discussing the intellectual method of teaching reading to tablet classes. By request Mr. Mackintosh gave his notes to the Association for publication. Mr. G. A. Thompson then gave a reading entitled, "Why Do Courtes are permitted to appear covered in presence of Royalty." Mr. Mackintosh then proceeded to show how reading should be taught to Senior Classes, giving valuable suggestions and hints upon teaching this important study and class drill. The pupils of the Madoc Model School, led by the Principal, sang several pieces with good effect, at intervals, during the afternoon session. GEORGE KIRK, Secy.

EAST GREY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The fourth semi-annual meeting of the above Association was held in Andrews' Hall, Thornbury, on Thursday and Friday, the 29th and 30th days of May. There were about sixty members present. The following programme was followed, viz.: Book-keeping, by G. T. Evans, Principal of the Menford Public Schools; Moral Training, by Miss Tolton, Assistant in Menford Schools; Quadratic Equations, by John Tait, of the Collingwood Collegiate Institute; The Teacher out of the School Room, by Malcolm McKinnon, of the Menford Schools; Chemistry, by Hiram G. Smith, Teacher S. S. No. 13, Collingwood and N. Stawassa, Reading and Elocution, by Henry De LaMatter, Head Master of the Owen Sound High School; Practical Education, by J. Farewell, Editor of Standard; How to Teach Grammar, by George Lindsay, principal of the Griersville School; Object Teaching, by Mary Logan, Teacher S. S. No. 11, St. Vincent; Geography, by John Hewgill, Principal of the Thornbury Public Schools. A Question Drawer was also established in connection with the Association. On the evening of the first day the teachers gave an entertainment in the Hall. They were, as usual, kindly assisted by the Clarksburg Band and Thornbury Glee Club. The East Grey Teachers' Association is in a very prosperous condition, and a great deal of interest in educational matters is manifested by all its members. Mr. H. De LaMatter, of the Owen Sound High School, was made an honorary member of the Association.

SOUTH SIMCOE.—The annual meeting of the South Simcoe Teachers' Association was held on May 30th and 31st, in the Central School, Barrie. The attendance was unusually large, and the meeting proved most interesting and successful. On the first day the programme followed out was as follows:—"Object Lessons," Mr. F. Wood, Head Master Model School, Bradford; "Music," Mr. J. M. Sawyers; "Notation and Mensuration," Mr. Robert Greenlees; "Drawing," Mr. Thos. Henderson; "Reading," Mr. Kennedy, High School, Bradford. In the evening Prof. Young delivered a lecture before the body on "Some of the Relations of Psychology to Education;" on the second day, Mr. W. Neilly, "Grammar to Juniors;" "Uses and Abuses of Prizes," Mr. W. B. Harvey, Head Master Model School, Barrie. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Rev. W. McKee, B.A., President; F. Wood, Vice-President; W. Neilly, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee, Rev. Thos. McKee and Messrs. Ryerson, Hipwell, Henderson, and Rankin. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Beeton on the 31st October. Wm. NEILLY, Secretary.

SOUTH HASTINGS.—The semi-annual meeting of this Institute was held in the Central School, Belleville, on 29th and 30th May. Dr. McLellan, Sr., High School Inspector, was present, and took an active part in the proceedings. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, J. Johnston, I.P.S.; Vice-President, H. M. Hicks, M.A.; Secretary-Treasurer, S. A. Gardner. After the opening address by the President, the following subjects were taken up:—"Tablets," Miss J. MacInnes; "Arithmetic to Juniors," T. Kinney; "Algebra," Dr. McLellan; "Self-Culture," an essay, by Mr. Thos. O'Hagan, Head Master Separate School, Belleville; "Grammar to Juniors," Mr. Irr in, Head Master County Model School; and "Physical Geography," Mr. Millburn, Belleville High School. In the evening a conversation was held in the City Hall, which was crowded to its utmost capacity, with an intelligent and appreciative audience, and an excellent programme was given. "Phrenology and the benefits teachers would derive from its study," Mr. Kinney and Mr. Anderson; "Second Book," Miss Potter; A paper on "History," by Miss Templeton; "Composition," H. M. Hicks, M.A., Head Master Trenton High School; "The Teacher of Yesterday, To-day, and To-morrow," an essay by Mr. Parker; "Arithmetic," Dr. McLellan, and "Drawing," Miss Stewart, completed the programme. After this Dr. McLellan, at the request of several teachers, explained some of the difficulties in factoring. On the motion of Prof. Dawson, seconded by Mr. J. W. Dafeo, it was resolved that Dr.