

ords the result of each election, &c.—Great interest is felt, and improvement in spelling, writing, reading, composing, &c., are the result, with something of a knowledge also of the manner of conducting public meetings properly. We recommend it for trial. W. H. GARDNER.  
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### TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

For the want of time we have not been able to answer the numerous questions asked us by our correspondents, but all will be attended to as early as possible.

Teachers and others who act as agents for the *Educationalist*, will be held responsible for their orders.

We will announce, with pleasure, the time of meeting of every Teachers' Association in the Province, as soon as we are able to ascertain the names of the Associations, and their places of meeting. We are requested to say that the York Association will meet on the fourth Saturday of every third month. The next meeting takes place in Aurora, on the fourth Saturday in October.

We defer the answer to the problems we gave in our first number, in order that Teachers may have time to examine them. A corner will be reserved for Mathematical questions and answers, if the Teachers find it worth while to furnish them, with their answers.

### CONVENTION OF THE SCHOOL TEACHERS OF THE EASTERN RIDING OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The above Convention met at Codrington, on Saturday, the 29th of September, about forty persons being present, when, in addition to carrying out the usual classes, the following business was transacted. The sub-Committee appointed to draft a Constitution, submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted.

#### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st.—This Association shall be known as "The Teachers' Association for the Eastern Riding of the County of Northumberland," and shall be composed of such Teachers, School officers, and friends of Education, as shall conform to

this Constitution, and the By-Laws for which it provides.

Article 2nd.—The object of this Association shall be the mutual improvement of its members, by means of lectures, essays, and discussions upon the various topics connected with the educational interests of the district.

Article 3rd.—The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary, who together shall form an Executive Board, all of whom shall be elected annually, and of whom three shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 4th.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association or Executive Board; in his absence, the Vice-Presidents in order of seniority; and in the event of their absence, the Association or Board shall have the power to appoint a Chairman, *pro tem*.

Article 5th.—The duties of the Treasurer shall be to take charge of all monies belonging to the Association, and to hold such, subject to the order of the Association or Executive Board, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary; and to report the state of the funds in his hands, when required so to do by the Association or the Executive Board.

Article 6th.—The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, and to discharge such other duties pertaining to his office as may be required of him.

Article 7th.—The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to conduct the correspondence, internal and external, of the Association.

Article 8th.—The duties of the Executive Board shall be to make all necessary arrangements for holding the meetings of the Association, procuring Lecturers and Instructors in the various subjects; to transact all business not otherwise provided for; and to adopt such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary for the government of the Association, subject to its approval.

Article 9th.—That, unless otherwise decided by a meeting of the Association, its Conventions shall be held on the last Saturday in each quarter.

Mr. S. G. Stone was appointed Secretary in place of Mr. W. L. Johnson, and Mr. T. S. Gillon was elected Treasurer.

The following Resolutions were passed:—

1st.—That each male member of the Association subscribe 12½ cents, quarterly, to its funds.

2nd.—That the next Convention of the Association be held at Pleasant Vale School House, on Friday, 21st December next.

3rd.—That, in the opinion of this Convention, the remarks, in the first number of the *Educationalist*, on the Provincial Normal School at Toronto, are uncalled for.

The following are the subjects chosen for the next Convention of the Association:—

GRAMMAR—Extract from Thompson's "Seasons," in the Fifth Book, entitled "Snow."

HISTORY—From Darius Hystaspes to the birth of our Saviour.

ARITHMETIC—Ratio and Proportion.

ALGEBRA—Multiplication and Division.

### COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM OF MISSOURI.

We take the following items from an address read before the Missouri State Teachers' Association, July, 1859, by W. B. Starke, State Superintendent of Common Schools, and published in the November number of the *Missouri Educator*.

The State Constitution requires that "Schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged. One school, or more, shall be established in each township as soon as practicable and necessary, where the poor shall be taught gratis." The present School Law was passed in 1853. There is at the head a Superintendent, who is elected biennially by the people. Each County has a Commissioner of Schools, whose duty it is to examine teachers and grant certificates of qualification; apportion the school moneys of his county; call meetings of the voters when necessary, and visit the schools. Each Congressional township is a school township, which may be divided into as many school districts, not exceeding four, as the inhabitants may desire. Each district is under the control of three trustees, who employ teachers, levy taxes, etc. Twenty-five per cent of the State revenue, and the dividends arising from the funds invested in the Bank of the State of Missouri, are annually apportioned, by the Superintendent, to the several counties, in proportion to the number of children in each between five and twenty years of age.—This, together with the county funds, composed of the interest upon the monies arising from the sale of the sixteenth sections, the fines, penalties, etc., accruing to the county, and the income derived from the swamp and overflowed lands, constitutes the amount annually appropriated to the payment of teachers' wages.