

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON.—The semi-annual meeting of this association was held in the model school building on Thursday and Friday, the 18th and 19th May. The first day at 10 o'clock a. m., the president Mr. Bowerman called the meeting to order and congratulated the teachers present on the large turn-out at the opening, there being over sixty teachers present from all parts of the county, some coming over forty miles to be present on that occasion. After the election of officers the president thanked the teachers for the honor they had conferred upon him in again electing him to the very important position which he occupied. He referred to the great loss the cause of education had sustained in the death of two of its leading educationists, Dr. Ryerson and A. T. Marling, M. A., high school inspector, and suggested that something should be done, before the meeting broke up, towards drafting a memorial to be placed on the books of the association. Mr. Burrows then gave his method of teaching the R. R. systems of Canada. It was evident from the way in which he handled the subject that he had taken a great deal of time in the preparation of the subject. His effort was highly appreciated by the teachers, and received a hearty applause. The president called attention to some recent changes in the school regulations. 1st. That hereafter third class certificates shall be provincial. 2nd. That the renewal of third class certificates shall remain with the Minister of education, but annual reports as to the merits of such teachers signed by the inspector and the trustees of the section which he has taught are to be sent to the Minister. 3rd. There are to be district third-class certificates. For the purpose of granting such certificates the Minister shall appoint a board of examiners. The subject of promotion examinations was then taken up. It was found that the system employed last year was not altogether successful, owing to the fact that the responsibility of conducting the examination rested entirely upon the teacher, which left room for a good deal of dissatisfaction in the minds of suspicious parents. It was finally resolved to divide the schools up into groups of five schools each, and that the teachers of each group should form the examining board for the group. The examinations are to be held in June and September of each year. A committee was then appointed to wait upon the county council and ask for a small grant to defray the necessary expenses for carrying on the promotional examinations. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in the evening at 8 o'clock, in the Town Hall. At the appointed time a large number assembled. The chair was occupied by the warden, Mr. U. Wilson. The first subject on the programme was a paper on the salary question by Mr. J. W. Black, H. M. east ward public school. Mr. Black reviewed the whole subject, from the time the teacher taught at \$5 per month and board, with the extreme pleasure of boarding around, up to the present time. The chairman then invited the members of the association to discuss the subject. Mr. Irwin, H. M. of Bath public school gave an admirable essay, on the reciprocal relations between teachers and parents. On Friday morning the meeting opened at the appointed time when most of the teachers were present. Mr. Rose, H. M. of Selby public school, then gave his method of teaching mental arithmetic which was well received. Mr. Tinsdale, H. M., Newburgh public school, being called on, gave his method of teaching literature; he gave some very valuable hints in that direction. The salary question was then taken and was warmly discussed by Messrs. Tinsdale, Bowerman, Hicks, Martin and others. Mr. Patton, who had been a teacher in this province for over a quarter of a century, was then called on, and gave a very interesting account of his first school, and some of the pleasures of boarding around. The committee appointed to draft a memorial being called on, presented the following:—Whereas, since our last session it has pleased God in His divine Providence to remove two of our eminent educationists, in the person of Dr. Ryerson, the distinguished founder of our educational system, and inspector Marling, we, the teachers of Lennox and Addington, desire to put on record our high appreciation of the services rendered by them to the cause of education, and our regret at the loss sustained not only by their immediate friends, but also by the province at large by their removal. Signed, C. Feasenden, W. M. Irwin, J. Bowerman, F. Burrows, D. Hicks, J. E. Mabey. The meeting adjourned until 1.30. On resuming, Mr. F. Ruttan, B. A. and Gold Medalist in natural science of Toronto university, was called on to give a lecture on the geology and mineralogy of the county of Lennox and Addington. He occupied two hours and a half and was listened to with marked attention by all present. On taking his seat he was greeted with prolonged applause by the teachers, after which a vote of thanks was given to the lecturer. The meeting then adjourned to the Town Hall at 8 o'clock p. m., when Miss Robertson gave an exposition of the kindergarten system, which she exemplified in a manner which left no doubt in the minds of the audience assembled that she thoroughly understood the subject. A fair audience greeted Miss Robertson, and all were well pleased with the entertainment.

ONTARIO.—Held in the high school, Uxbridge, on 2nd and 3rd June. The attendance was rather small all through the several sessions, and many of those whose names were on the programme did not put in an appearance. The proceedings were opened by D. McBride, M. A., H. M. Port Perry high school, president. The minutes were read by the

sec. treas., Mr. A. G. Henderson, and on the motion of Mr. D. Jennings, adopted. Mr. Henderson, in the absence of Mr. Eddy, introduced the subject "Reading" and dwelt more particularly on elocution. A spirited discussion on the exercise ensued, joined in by Messrs. Jennings, McBrien, I. P. S., Lockyer and others. In the afternoon Mr. Henderson gave an extremely practical and useful address on "Book-keeping" showing how it could be advantageously taught in the public schools by adopting the simple accounts he had ruled on the blackboard, and going through actual business transactions with the pupils. On the motion of Mr. Magee, M. A., H. M. Uxbridge high school, seconded by Mr. McBrien, I. P. S., a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. Henderson for his excellent address. Mr. D. Jennings then took up "Fourth Book Literature," and advocated the teaching of collateral subjects in bringing out the whole sense of the lessons, such as geography, grammar and analysis, Latin roots, &c. Mr. Jennings was listened to with great attention and at the conclusion of his able and extremely practical address was warmly applauded. The subject was pursued in discussion with much ability by Messrs. McBrien, J. Willis, J. Brown, H. M. Whitby model school, and others. G. H. Robinson, B. A., H. M. Whitby high school, proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. McBrien and carried unanimously:—"Resolved, that the county of Ontario teachers' association, upon this the first occasion of its meeting after the death of the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D. D., L. L. D., late Chief Superintendent of Education for the province of Ontario, desires to express, and to place on record, its sense of the immense debt of gratitude the country owes to him under the blessing of Providence in founding and fostering our national system of education, the pride and heritage of our country; and to express the sense of the severe loss the teaching profession has sustained in the death of one who, both in his active work and his retirement, was in every respect the teachers' friend." The inspector, in a few earnest words, eulogized the memory of the distinguished deceased, and Rev. A. Davidson, and Rev. J. A. McClung also spoke affectingly of the great work that had been done by him for education. Mr. Robinson then proposed the following resolutions:—"That in the opinion of this association, the granting, by the Minister of Education, to private schools, having no connection with the state, and under no state control, the privilege of having the entrance examination and the intermediate examination, as obtain in the high schools, conducted within their walls and for the special advantages of their pupils, is a departure from the spirit of our educational system and the manner in which it has hitherto been interpreted; is likely to lead to great abuses; to injure the reputation and finances of the national schools; to introduce into our school system other questions than education; and that such privileges should be withdrawn from private schools and confined strictly to the national schools. Also, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Education."—It was seconded by Mr. Magee, and after some discussion joined in by Messrs. Jennings, Davidson, Henderson, Magee, Crosby and Rev. A. Davidson, in which it was elicited that Pickering college was granted the privileges mentioned, the resolution was put and carried *unanimously*. Mr. Jennings was warmly thanked by the association, on the motion of Mr. J. Brown, for his address on literature. *Second day.* The forenoon was devoted to a discussion on text books. As regards readers, Inspector McBrien said the series now in use were "the worst in Christendom," and spoke in high terms of the new series published by W. J. Gage & Co. Several teachers expressed dissatisfaction at the present series, and after some discussion, the matter was relegated to the standing committee to report at next session. Mr. Jennings tendered his resignation as vice-president of the association, as he was about to leave for British Columbia where he had accepted the head mastership of a school in an Indian missionary settlement. He expressed the cordial feelings he possessed for the association during the past ten years and the kind relationship that existed between the members and himself, and said that he should always remember them in the far-off land where his sense of duty called him and where he felt the lessons of experience he had learned while a member of the association would be turned to good account. Many of the teachers present testified to the worth and excellence which endeared Mr. Jennings to them, and hoped that he would prosper in his new sphere. On the motion of Mr. J. Brown, seconded by Mr. J. Lockyer, the following resolution was carried by rising vote:—"Resolved, that this association receives and accepts the resignation of Mr. Jennings with deepest regret, and desires to express the high esteem in which he has ever been held by its members both as an honored member and officer, and as an earnest and successful teacher in the county; and likewise to wish him even a greater measure of success in his new sphere of labour than has attended his efforts while one of us. In taking leave of him it cannot omit the opportunity of expressing its approval of the wisdom displayed in selecting a Christian gentleman and worker so eminently fitted for the position to which he has been called." Mr. Jennings expressed his gratitude for the kind feelings which prompted the resolution. Mr. Magee was elected vice-president and committee member in place of Mr. Jennings. Mr. J. Willis, Whitby, and W. W. Tambllyn, M. A., Oakawa, were appointed delegates to provincial association, after which the convention adjourned to meet at Whitby at call of general committee.