

of such fraternal relations should, in our opinion, be a main object of any proposed organization.

This motion was also carried.

It was moved by Mr. J. H. Miller, late Inspector of South Huron, and seconded by Mr. Lewis,

That, in our opinion, the time has come when the teachers of Ontario should take such steps as will enable them to assist each other in the improvement of their intellectual, social, material, and political condition, and as we are fully convinced that whatever tends to the advancement of the teacher must ultimately promote the advancement of the country, that we proceed immediately to organize ourselves as the Ontario Educational Society, whose objects shall be to advance the cause of education, to afford all members such information as may enable them to apply intelligently for situations, to discountenance advertisements asking applicants for situations to "state salary," to discourage the issue of permits and interim certificates, to gain some measure of control—through its representatives—over the examination of teachers, to have a voice in the selection and authorization of text books, and to purge the profession of unworthy members.

This resolution gave rise to prolonged discussion, objection being urged on the same grounds as against the first resolution, also to the introduction of the word "political," etc. It was, finally, on motion of Mr. Dawson, amended as follows and passed,

That the word "political" be struck out of the resolution, and that the following be added:—And that a committee of nine be forthwith appointed to take the question of union into consideration and to report a basis of union at a meeting to be held on Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

The following gentlemen were appointed to constitute the committee:—Messrs. McIntosh, Lent, A. N. Miller, Boyle, McMaster, Dixon, McMurchy, Willis, and Dawson. The meeting was then adjourned.

The adjourned meeting of the organizers of this society was held in Stewart's Hall, Wednesday evening; Mr. Dawson, head master of Weston High School, in the chair. The committee appointed to consider the scheme for the formation of the society recommended, amongst other things, that the Ontario Education Society be incorporated; that its members be those regularly qualified to teach, and teachers in training who comply with other requirements of the society; that a branch be in each inspectorate; that the Provincial body be composed of delegates, one from each local branch; the Provincial board, amongst other officers, to have a paid secretary-treasurer to look after their affairs, and whose duties will include the compilation of a history of all school sections, giving their past and present condition, and furnish copies, if any, to all members desiring it; the society being governed by a directorate elected from the delegates.

Mr. D. H. Lent, the secretary, in submitting the report, explained that the proposed society was not antagonistic to the College of Preceptors, which could not be got into shape for some five years. This was one for immediate relief, which could be easily handled and quickly put into force.

Mr. Richard Lewis said that this society was necessary even if the College of Preceptors were in working shape. This society had distinct duties from the other, and while co-operating with the other in objects with which they agree, goes further, and elevates the teacher, socially, financially, and in every way.

Mr. A. Miller, Vienna High School, said that this is the first time in his experience of 27 years that anything really practical for the improvement of teachers had been proposed.

Mr. Steel, Orangeville High School, said that the weakness of the teaching profession is the antagonism which causes some to undermine others to obtain their positions by injuring their character or offering to accept lower salaries. He spoke favorably of the ability of lady teachers, and their high character and desire for large salaries, no less than those of teachers of the sterner sex.

After the different sections of the constitution had been adopted, the meeting adjourned.

At the adjourned meeting of "The Educational Society of Ontario," Mr. Robt. Dawson, President, presided; Mr. C. H. Lent acted as Secretary. There was a large attendance of teachers. Forty new members were enrolled. The meeting was principally occupied with making and adopting rules and regulations to govern the association. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—

President—Mr. Robt. Dawson, of Weston High School.

Vice-President—Mr. R. Lewis, Toronto.

Directors—Mr. Henstidge, Kingston; Mr. Hicks, Parkdale; Mr. A. Miller, Vienna; Mr. R. Sanderson, Harriston; Mr. D. H. Lent, Richmond Hill; Mr. D. McPherson, Prescott; Mr. McIntosh, Madoc; Mr. Thos. Carson, West Middlesex; Mr. McMaster, Thorold; Mr. R. Steele, Orangeville.

After the general meeting had adjourned a meeting of the directors was held, when Mr. D. Boyle was unanimously elected secretary-treasurer. A sub-committee was chosen to attend to printing and other necessities. The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

ONTARIO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The 26th Annual Meeting of this Association opened at the Normal School on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The attendance was good. The session was opened with religious exercises.

The annual statement of the treasurer, Mr. W. J. Hendry, showed the receipts, including a balance of \$514.10 from previous year, to be \$886.02; expenditure \$342.68, balance in hand \$543.84. The report was referred for audit to Messrs. Wetherell, McIntosh and Powell.

The Association decided to meet at 2 p.m., and adjourn at 5.30 p.m., to meet again at 7.30 p.m., and adjourn at ten o'clock each evening during the session.

On the reassembling of the Association after adjournment, Mr. William Houston, M.A., Librarian of Ontario Legislative Assembly, gave notice of the following motion: "That a special committee be appointed with instructions to ascertain what steps have been taken by governments, universities, colleges, teachers' associations, and other learned bodies to secure the general introduction of a simple and more phonetic system of spelling English words than the one at present in force."

Mr. O. J. Jolliffe, M.A., of Ottawa, read a paper on the subject of "Our Profession." We intend to publish this and other papers presented at the Association, so that all our readers may be able to peruse them at leisure. We, therefore, withhold comment in passing.

After a little discussion, bearing mainly on the subjects of professional organization and the examinations, further consideration of the paper was postponed.

The next paper presented was by Mr. J. E. Wetherell, M.A., Head Master of Strathroy Collegiate Institute, on the subject of "Conservatism and Reform in Educational Methods." A discussion followed, eliciting, as was to be expected, considerable difference of opinion in regard to the merits of "the Old Education" and "the New Education," respectively.

Dr. George Baptie, of Ottawa, followed with a paper on "Science Teaching." The writer advocated the giving of science a prominent place on the curricula of the public schools. This point gave rise to considerable debate, many speakers contending that those curricula are already too extensive. During this discussion the algebra and literature papers set at the recent examinations came in for some pretty sharp criticism.

The evening session was occupied with the address of the President, Mr. S. McAllister. This address reviewed the history of the Teachers' Association, and dwelt on the numerous educational reforms which had originated in these conventions. We hope to be able also to publish this valuable address.

The convention reassembled on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. The attendance was much larger than on the preceding day. By a change of programme, Mr. Dickson, Principal U. C. College, read his paper on the proposed Ontario College of Preceptors. Mr. Dickson outlined the sphere and functions of such an institution as follows:—

I. ITS AIMS, broadly stated, should be to promote sound learning and to advance the interests of education by admitting to the teaching profession only those who are fitted for the work, to improve the position of the profession, and to protect the public from incompetent teachers.

II. THE MEMBERS.—For one year after the incorporation of the Society it is proposed to admit all persons actually engaged in teaching,