

moment is that the first forty exercises of Bradley's Arnold's Prose Composition are prescribed, and prose composition is required of candidates for honors in Greek. Owing to the scheme adopted for passing examinations in the years subsequent to the first no scholarships are given from University funds. Knowing the good effects of these scholarships, and the valuable assistance they are to undergraduates, we hope our wealthy and public-spirited men will come forward and generously make provision for the continuance of the scholarships.

Too great importance can hardly be attached to the recognition given by the Senate to Church History, Apologetics, Biblical Greek, and Biblical Literature, branches of learning taught in the theological colleges affiliated with the University of Toronto. We shall watch the working of the new departure with much interest and expect from it satisfactory results.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Convention was held in the Public Hall of the Normal School during the second week in August. The Convention was called to order by Dr. Parslow, first Vice-President, who took the chair in the absence—through illness—of the President, Dr. McLellan, and the proceedings began by reading of Scripture and prayer. After the transaction of some preliminary business, it was arranged that the Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Education, should occupy the time allotted to Dr. McLellan for his address in the evening. During the afternoon session, a paper was read by Mr. Inspector Glashan, Ottawa, "A Plea for the Study of Science in Schools," and Mr. William Houston, M.A., delivered an address on the Study of English. The

Minister engaged the attention of the Convention during the evening session, reading and explaining the proposed programmes of studies for Public and High Schools, also the proposed regulations for the management and conduct of our schools, and answering questions asked by members and giving explanations of the changes and amendments proposed.

The Convention re-assembled the second day (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. Dr. Nelles, Principal of Victoria University and a former President of the Association, being present, was introduced to the Convention. The rev. gentleman was well received, many of the members being pleased to see him amongst them again looking so hale and hearty. He informed the Convention of the sudden illness of Dr. Allison, Chief Superintendent of Education, Nova Scotia, and that for this reason he would not be able to deliver his address in the evening. Thereupon it was agreed that the Convention would devote the evening session to the consideration of federation of the colleges, led by Principal Nelles.

On this afternoon Mr. Inspector Fotheringham, Aurora, read a valuable paper on the "Permanency of the Teaching Profession." This paper, which we print in this number, deals with a subject of great importance to the country, and is receiving much attention from educators in all English speaking communities, especially in Great Britain and the United States of America. The next theme for consideration, "The school-room as a preparation for the farm and workshop," was introduced by Mr. Inspector Smith, Ancaster. We hope shortly to have a paper or two published in the magazine on this live question.

The evening session of the Convention was unique in its character. Instead of having a public address, there was an open meeting on the