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THE GREAT EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

FOR the information of all concerned, we publish the following extracts from a circular issued by the Executive Committee which has been constituted for the purpose of making and overseeing all necessary arrangements for the Convention of the National Educational Association of the United States, which is to be held at Toronto, from the 14th to the 17th of July next, and will, on this occasion, be of an International character. The meeting promises to be the largest and most important yet held by the Association, as it will probably be attended by some fifteen thousand of those actively engaged in educational matters from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The most complete arrangements are being made by the local committees for the reception, accommodation and entertainment of delegates and visitors to the Convention.

The Railway Companies throughout the Union and Canada have agreed to grant return tickets to Toronto for one fare, plus \$2.00, the membership fee to the Association, the railway tickets from distant points being good for return until September. Special cheap excursions will be arranged for the benefit of those attending the Convention, to points on the great Lakes, down the St. Lawrence River, through the Thousand Islands and Rapids, to the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, the White Mountains and all other points of interest, east and west, north and south.

A great exhibition of School work and School supplies, etc., will take place in connection with the Convention, and many other features that will be of special interest to the visitors.

Rates of board at hotels range from \$3.00 per day down to \$1.00 per day, and in private houses from 1.00 per day to \$4.00 per week. Those intending to remain in the city or neighborhood for several weeks can obtain first-class board in good localities for from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per week, and at the many summer resorts on the Lake shore.

The officers of the Association for the present year are as follows, viz:—Messrs. W. R. Garrett, President, Nashville, Tenn.; James H. Canfield, First Vice-President, Lawrence, Kansas; E. H. Cook, Secretary, New Brunswick, N. J.; T. M. Greenwood, Treasurer, Kansas City, Mo.; and N. A. Calkins, Chairman of Trustees, New York City.

The Official Bulletin, or programme, of each day's proceedings during the meeting, officers of the Association, railway arrangements, special excursions, hotels and rates, summer resorts and all other information of advantage to those who propose attending the Convention will be issued about the middle of March and will be sent to all State Managers, and to others who may desire to procure the same, on their dropping a postal card to Mr. J. L. Hughes, Chairman, or Mr. H. J. Hill, Secretary of the Local Committee, Toronto, Canada.

* Editorial Notes. *

IN another place will be found two interesting "notes," explanatory of points in Mr. Wilkin's essay given in our last number. They are certainly worth reading. Some other notes touching geological facts and nomenclature, etc., we are unable to give for want of space.

MR. H. B. SPOTTON, M.A., has been appointed Principal of the New Collegiate Institute in this city. Out of a number of names before the Board of Trustees, the contest seems to have been chiefly between those of Mr. Spotton and Mr. J. E. Wetherell, M.A. Both are among the foremost educators engaged in the secondary schools of the Province, and no mistake could have been made in appointing either. Mr. Spotton's qualifications are of a high order and his record excellent. We tender our congratulations both to the Board and to our friend, Mr. Spotton.

THE indications are that the International Teacher's Convention in this city next July will be a mammoth affair. Inspector

Hughes is receiving assurance from superintendents of schools from all parts of the United States that the attendance of teachers will exceed that at any previous convention. Hon. A. S. Draper, State Superintendent of New York, expects that there will be 3,000 from New York alone. Illinois and Ohio will send 1,000 each, and New England about 2,000. President Garrett says the South will send double as many as usual, and Secretary Cook reports great interest in all parts of the United States. The indications are that there will be fully 15,000 teachers present.

The Schoolmaster (London), says:

"We regret to note that the Norwich School Board has so little sense of what is just and fair as to make the salary of the master recently appointed to the Higher Grade School depend not on what would be a fair amount, not even on what a poor town like Norwich could afford, but on what the teacher asked. They put the appointment up to a Dutch auction, and the advertisement issued inviting candidates inserted that most objectionable phrase, 'state the amount of salary required.' One teacher was thus pitted against another as to the least amount he would be willing to accept."

We are sorry to say that what the *Schoolmaster* rightly regards as unjust, unfair, and in every way most objectionable in England is a common custom in Canada. Many Boards here think it no shame to resort to the degrading "Dutch auction" plan.

IT is our highest ambition, in connection with the JOURNAL, to make it as helpful and stimulating as possible to teachers of all grades in the Public and High Schools. Our experience teaches us that it is really much easier to secure contributions adapted to the wants of the higher grades than to those of the lower. We very much desire that our subscribers in all departments of the schools should write us frequently, and freely, telling us wherein, in their opinions, we succeed, and wherein we fail. We should be glad to receive during the next few weeks a shower of postal cards, in which teachers of all grades from the Primary classes to the High School Specialists would tell us frankly just what they think of us, and how we can better serve them. Such a variety of criticisms would be invaluable to us in our work. Tell us what you want which the JOURNAL does not give you.