

## 'TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

## CHRONICLE OF THE MONTH.

## WEST HURON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

—The semi-annual meeting of the West Huron Teachers' Association was held in Exeter on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16th and 17th, at which a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. The number of teachers present was large. The meeting opened with prayer; the Vice-President, Mr. Baird, Sr., being in the chair. Mr. Thos. Gregory, Provincial Delegate, then submitted his report, for which he was tendered the thanks of the Association. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Mitchell took up "Voice Culture," dealing with emphasis, time, flexibility, strength and volume, and illustrating, by a number of selections, how the voice might be improved. After a short discussion on how some difficult pieces should be rendered, he was tendered a very hearty vote of thanks. The President of the Association, H. I. Strang, B.A., at the next Sedurunt, was called to the chair, and delivered a short address—after which Mr. McDonald, Mathematical Master at Goderich High School, took up Elementary Algebra, dealing mostly with factoring and symmetry in a clear and comprehensive style. In the evening a musical and literary entertainment was given to a large audience, at which able and eloquent addresses were delivered by G. W. Ross, M.P., and Rev. G. Webber, followed by a few remarks from the Inspector, J. R. Miller, and H. I. Strang, B.A. On Saturday the subject of promotion examinations was again taken up and the resolutions of the committee considered clause by clause, which resulted in the adoption of the following, after an animated discussion of two hours. Resolved that, as uniformity and thoroughness in the course of study in our

Public Schools is desirable, the following scheme of Promotion Examinations be introduced, as a means of attaining that object.

1. That a limit table, shewing the course of study for the various classes, be prepared and that two copies be supplied to each school, one to be the property of the master and the other the property of the trustees.
2. That the examination questions for promotion into the various classes, be prepared, within the limit table, and that the value be assigned to each question by the party preparing them.
3. That the examinations be conducted simultaneously, and that each teacher preside at the examination of his own pupils, assisted by at least one of the trustees or some person to be named by them.
4. That each teacher forward to the Inspector, at least one month before the examination, the number of papers required by the various classes.
5. That the printed papers be sent to each teacher, and that the seals be broken by him in the presence of the pupils on the day of the examination.
6. That each teacher examine the papers of his own pupils, but that two or more teachers in a township may combine to examine their papers together.
7. That each teacher forward the result of the examinations to the Inspector, within three weeks from the examinations; and that promotion certificates be given to those entitled to them, signed by the Inspector and the master of the school.
8. That the examinations be held semi-annually, about the end of May and the beginning of December. It was further thought desirable to ask the teachers of East Huron to join in these examinations, and a deputation consisting of Inspector Miller and Messrs. G. Baird, Sr., and P. Strang, were appointed