

Embraced the pillow the child beneath,
 Turned with him to the void of Death,
 And to all mankind, in its strong self-love,
 Taught the unself proclaimed above;
 And whate'er his sin, and whate'er his sorrow,
 Those the night without early morrow,—
 Went to his Maker straight and free,
 And pleaded his plea courageously:
 For his boy he lived, for his boy he died,
 And the two together, side by side,
 Before the divine, eternal Throne,
 Had nothing to plead but their love alone.—
 And there, perchance, from the answer to prove,
 That the greatest wisdom of all is Love.
 Self! be hushed while in places high,
 The many pass thought of others by,—
 Let others starve, and let others bear
 The woes that beset us everywhere,—
 So the great be but free from the curse of death,
 So the great but gather the fruits of the earth,
 So properly flourish, and riches thrive,
 And keep but the worldling's life alive,
 What is it to them that these grave things be?
 That these sights are given to who will see?
 While wealth will prosper, denial dream,
 Life's moral is told in the deep, black seam;
 And angels rejoice in that answer glad,
 And human,—“Nay, I'll stay with the lad.”

A COUNTRY SCHOOL.

Pretty and pale and tired
 She sits in her stiff-backed chair
 While the blazing summer sun
 Shines on her light brown hair,
 And the tiny brook without,
 That she hears through the open door
 Mocks with its murmur cool
 Hard bench and dusty floor.
 It seems an endless round,—
 Grammar and A. B. C.;
 The blackboard and the sums;
 The stupid geography;
 When from teacher to little Jim
 Not one of them cares a straw,
 Whether “John” is in any “case,”
 Or Kansas in Omaha.
 But Jimmy's bare brown feet
 Are aching to wade in the stream,
 Where the trout to his luring bait
 Shall leap with a quick bright gleam;
 And the teacher's blue eyes stray
 To the flowers on the desk hard by,
 Till her thoughts have followed her eye
 With a half unconscious sigh.
 Her heart outruns the clock,
 As she smells their faint sweet scent;
 But when have time and heart
 Their measure in unison blent?
 For time will haste or lag,
 Like your shadow on the grass,
 That lingers far behind,
 Or flies when you fain would pass.
 Have patience, restless Jim,
 The stream and the fish will wait;
 And patience, tired blue eyes—
 Down the winding road by the gate,
 Under the willow shade,
 Stands some one with fresher flowers;
 So turn to your books again,
 And keep love for the after hours.

—Selected.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

NORTH WELLINGTON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The semi-annual meeting of the Teachers of North Wellington was held in the Central School,

Arthur, on Thursday and Friday, the 14th and 15th October. There were about ninety teachers present from different sections of the division, and also several visitors interested in educational matters. The President, Mr. Jos. Reid, B.A., Head Master of the Mount Forest High School, occupied the chair, and Mr. Wm. McEachern acted as Secretary. Mr. D. Clapp, B.A., Inspector of Schools for North Wellington, was present both days, and Mr. Groat, formerly Inspector in Middlesex, was in attendance on Thursday, and Mr. Craig, B.A., Insp. for South Wellington, on Friday. The programme of the meeting was as follows:—1. Appointment of committees; 2. Weights and Measures with class—Miss Campbell, Arthur P.S.; Critics, Messrs. Rao, Arnold and Clarke. 3. Our Education—John Greig, S.S. No. 12, Minto; Critics, Misses Mitchell, McIntyre, and Livingstone. 4. Use and Abuse of Text Books—Alex. Dickie, S.S. No. 14, Maryborough; Critics, Messrs. R. Perry, Dow and Corrigan. 5. General School Management—Arch. McPherson, H. M. Arthur P.S.; Critics, Messrs. Ironside, Denton and Miss Lawson. 6. How to Teach Spelling—Peter McEachern, S.S. No. 8, Peel; Critics, Messrs. McLean, Stewart and Harper. 7. How to Teach Fractions—Jos. McPherson, H. M. Drayton, P.S. Critics—Messrs. McLean, Stewart and Harper. 8. An Essay—Henry Becker, S.S. No. 13, Peel. 9. Vacations and other changes in School Law—General discussion by Convention. 10. The Art of Questioning—James McGirr, H. M. Clifford P. S.; Critics, Messrs. McKenzie, Bingham and Bright. 11. Introduction of Mathematical Geography to advanced classes—J. H. Balderson, B.A., Mount Forest H.S.; Critics, The Convention. 12. The Study of History—J. P. Ogden, S.S. No. 6, Maryborough; Critics, Messrs. Bryans, Freure and John M. Cameron. 13. Corporal Punishment—Geo. A. Peters, S.S. No. 3, Arthur; Critics, Misses McNabb, Banks and Tuthill. The meeting was a complete success; the essays were well prepared and the criticisms pointed and marked by good feeling; and, as many of those who took part were young teachers, ample evidence was shown that they take an interest in their profession, by the knowledge they displayed of each subject debated. On Thursday evening, the 14th, a public entertainment was held in connection with the Association; and, although the evening was somewhat unfavourable on account of a shower of rain, the house was well filled. John Anderson, Esq., County Registrar, presided in his usual efficient and acceptable manner; and, after extending a cordial welcome to the teachers, spoke of the improvement made in our school system, and the qualifications of teachers during late years. After a piece of music by the choir, the Chairman introduced Dr. Yeomans, of Mount Forest, who delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on the “Mysteries of our Inner Life.” The doctor held his audience spell-bound for about an hour. The lecture was illustrated by diagrams, and this, together with a careful avoidance of technical terms, made it all the more interesting. Dr. Chisholm, of Arthur, formerly teacher in Fergus High School, next explained his method of teaching history, and showed that he is not only an historian and physician, but also a poet. The Chairman made suitable closing remarks; and after hearty votes of thanks had been presented to Dr. Yeomans for his lecture, to the choir and others who took part in the entertainment, and to the Chairman, the meeting was brought to a close. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Drayton, in May or June, 1891.

LEEDS.—District No. 2, Farmersville Teachers' Association, met Nov. 5 and 6. The forenoon of the first day was spent in the Model School, which is now in its second session, with twenty-three teachers in training. In the afternoon, in addition to routine work, &c., Dr. McLellan gave most valuable assistance, first in explaining Kindergarten methods of introductory teaching, and second, in Algebra. In the evening an eloquent lecture was delivered by the Doctor, on “National Education,” it was well attended and well received. The second day was mostly taken up with the reading and discussion of four well-written essays:—Dr. Law, Head Master of the Brockville High School, on Geology; Mr. Worrell, Head Master of the Gananoque High School, “On Trifles;” Mr. Bigg, I.P.S., Brockville, “Defects in our System of Education;” and Miss Katie Addison, “On Books.” The *Canada School Journal* was adopted by the Association, to be paid out of the Association funds and furnished to members at club rates. The following were elected officers for 1891:—President, J. Rowat, Head Master Model School; Vice-President, Miss M. Kurely; Sec.-Treas., A. Bowerman, Head Master High School; Directors, Messrs. Johnston, Eaton and Eyre, and Misses Fulton, Kincaid and Giles.

FRONTENAC.—The Convention of this Association was held in the County Court House, Kingston, on the 28th and 29th October. The membership was principally represented by lady teachers. In the absence of Prof. Dupuis, President, the chair was occupied by Mr. John Agnew, M.D., Vice-President, who formally opened the meeting. He said that no business was transacted in the forenoon in consequence of the non-attendance of the members, but he hoped to see more interest taken in the affairs of the Association on future occasions. The minutes were read by Mr. Henstridge, Secretary, and adopted.

Mr. Bole, as delegate to the Provincial Association, gave some interesting details of the proceedings of that body, chiefly regarding the arrangements respecting teachers' expenses and the superannuation scheme. A