

WEST GREY.—This Association held its semi-annual meeting in the High School, Owen Sound, 24th and 25th. March. The attendance was small at the first forenoon session, but at subsequent meetings it was largely increased, several of the High School students and friends from the town being also present. The proceedings were opened by Mr. J. Armstrong, B. A., and the minutes of previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. J. A. Greig, and adopted. The auditors report showed a balance of \$115 in the hands of the treasurer, which was made up chiefly by two half-yearly government grants. The president suggested the purchase of books for a library as the trustees had given a room for the purpose. In the afternoon Mr. J. H. McCassey, read an essay on "The Responsibilities of Teachers" which was well received. Mr. John Elliott took a fourth class in Literature, and made the selections they read extremely intelligible. His plan of teaching the subject is one calculated to develop thought and cultivate taste. He concluded the lesson with a few words of earnest, good advice to the children. Mr. A. Miller, B. A., Owen Sound High School, next gave a few well pointed and sound remarks on "Reading." The study of this subject he said, was neglected in the High Schools on the supposition that it was completely taught in the public schools. He would approve of the "Word method" which was the most natural and common sense plan. He then proceeded to give some excellent hints on several points connected with teaching the subject, and to exemplify his meaning he read, with excellent effect, "The Passage of the Red Sea." The reader was warmly applauded. The following committee was, on the motion of Mr. Walmsley, appointed on nomination of officers: Messrs McCassey and Balfour, Messrs Henry and Smith. Mr. J. L. Robertson, of the publishing house of W. J. Gage & Co, was called on to explain the merits of the New Canadian Series of Readers published by that firm, and he submitted a set of the books for approval of the Association. Mr. Boyle of the Canadian Publishing Company was also called upon, and after criticising Gage's series in a flippant manner, especially Longfellow's exquisite poem, "The Arrow and the Song," in the Second Reader, which he stated would take a "long-headed fellow to know what it meant," he exhibited a set of blank books, or dummies, for the approbation of the meeting. A committee was, on Mr. Greig's motion, appointed to examine Gage's Readers, consisting of Messrs. Elliott, Walmsley, Shaw, Campbell, and McEachern, to bring in a report next day. *Second Day.* The committee on nomination presented their report which was adopted, the following being the officers for the ensuing year: President Mr. J. Armstrong, B. A.; first vice-pres., Mr. A. Miller, B. A.; second, Miss H. Moffatt; secretary, Mr. J. A. Greig; treasurer, Mr. G. W. Campbell; exec. committee, Miss M. Spragge, Messrs. J. Elliott, and T. K. Walmsley, with the elected officers. The committee on Text Books asked leave to defer their report till the Fall meeting to give time to examine the Readers more critically; granted, and Mr. Slater was added to the committee. On motion of Mr. Greig seconded by Mr. Neelands it was resolved that only one series of readers ought to be authorized, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Education. The president then introduced Mr. J. L. Hughes, I. P. S., Toronto, who was received with much enthusiasm. He took up the subject of "Kindergarten Training and work," and during the course of his address cited many marks of the approval of the members. From the interesting manner in which the subject was treated and the practical benefit which he showed the introduction of a Kindergarten system of teaching would be to the country it was unanimously resolved "That it is highly desirable that a Kindergarten should be organized in connection with the Provincial Model School," also "That a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the Minister of Education." Mr. J. A. Greig proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Hughes for his highly instructive lecture, and Mr. Miller in seconding it said he was sorry that trustees and others interested in education were not present to hear the admirable address. He remarked that many teachers were able to solve difficult problems in algebra, and otherwise creditably acquit themselves, but were quite ignorant of those first principles of teaching which Mr. Hughes had so forcibly and attractively brought under their notice. The vote was given by acclamation. In the afternoon, Messrs Elliott and Greig were appointed auditors. Mr. J. Hughes, by request, gave a most practical address on "The Art of Questioning," a subject which it is needless to mention was well treated and highly appreciated. On the motion of Mr. Walmsley, seconded by Mr. Elliott, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hughes for his able assistance, and after some further business was transacted the association adjourned.

EAST BRUCE. The sixteenth semi-annual meeting of the East Bruce Teachers' Association assembled in the Model School building, Walkerton, on the 24th of February, 1882, at 9 a.m. About fifty teachers were in attendance. Mr. W. S. Clendenning, P. S. I., was elected president, *pro tem.*, and then opened the meeting by prayer. Moved by Mr. Telford, seconded by Mr. King, and carried, that Mr. A. McIntosh be elected secretary, *pro tem.* The minutes of the last meeting of the Association, as read, were adopted. An essay, entitled "Be what you seem," was well read by Miss Sang; it was full of excellent advice. Mr. Leyes read an excellent essay on "Reading." His remarks were eminently practical. The essay was well discussed by Messrs. Telford, Robb,

Reilly, Clendenning, and others. "Teachers' Associations," by Mr. Munro, was a good essay and highly suggestive. On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Munro, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare a programme for the next meeting of the Association. Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and carried, that Miss Ross, Miss Robertson, Messrs. Telford, Munro, Burgess, and Reddon be a committee to arrange a programme for the next sitting of the Association, and give in their report on Saturday morning. Mr. Reddon gave an excellent reading, named "The Earth and Man." He read it well. Grammatical Analysis was next in order. It was taken up by Mr. Morgan, B. A., Principal of the High School, Walkerton, and handled in an able and masterly manner. Mr. Morgan stated that analysis should precede parsing. Messrs. McKay, McCool, Clendenning, Robb, and Telford took an active part in the discussion of proper methods of teaching analysis. Mr. Hunter took as the subject of his essay, "A Teacher's Leisure Hours." They should be profitably spent. The teacher should be vigorous, have good health. A healthy mind and a healthy body should go together. Miss Davidson gave a reading which was full of practical suggestions. It was excellently rendered. Mr. McKay, of the Walkerton High School, handled his subject, "Arithmetic," in an able and lucid manner. He is master of his subject. He was cross-questioned by Messrs. Burgess, Leyes, and Telford. On motion of Mr. McGill, seconded by Mr. Adolph, it was carried, that Messrs. Morgan, King, McKay, and Clendenning be a committee to answer the questions in the "Question Drawer," on grammar, school discipline, arithmetic, and school law, respectively. Mr. McKeichnie introduced the next subject, namely, "Desirable Changes in Public School Programme." He complained of too many subjects, and pointed out their defects. It was an excellent essay. At 8 p.m., Friday, an entertainment under the auspices of the Association, was given in the Town Hall. *Second Day's Proceedings.*—The morning session was opened at twenty-five minutes past nine, the president engaging in prayer. On the motion of Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. King, it was resolved, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. The next was the reading of the Librarian's Report, after which the subject of "Writing" was handled by Mr. Richardson, who makes writing a speciality. He uses the Beatty system of writing. He maintained that those in the 1st and 2nd parts should use slates instead of copies. Messrs. Telford and King took part in the discussion on New Readers. The amendment of Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Munro, was adopted, "Resolved, by the East Bruce Teachers' Association, that no series of Reading Books should be authorized by the Minister of Education until the opinion of the teachers has been obtained through their local and provincial associations." The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Telford; Vice-President, Mr. Munro; Secretary, Mr. Morgan, B. A.; Treasurer, Mr. Clendenning. The ballot box was used in this election of officers. Moved by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. McKeichnie, and carried, that Paisley be the next place of meeting. On motion of Mr. Clendenning, seconded by Mr. Adolph, that Messrs. Robertson and Sang, and Messrs. Leyes, McIntosh, and King be directors. On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Munro, it was resolved, that Messrs. Clendenning and Telford be delegates from this Association to the Provincial Convention. Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Butchart, and adopted, that the report of the committee, in reference to the programme for the next meeting of the Association be adopted. The report on next programme was adopted with the following suggestions:—"It is recommended that outside assistance be obtained, and we beg to suggest either of the following names: Mr. Hughes, Mr. Scott, or Miss Lewis. "We further recommend that the teachers of the town where the Association be held make arrangements for providing a few pieces of music to be given before the Association." "One person to introduce each subject, two to be critics and carry on the discussion." On motion of Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Hunter, it was carried, that the next meeting be held in the month of September, as early as possible in said month. "Geography of Canada," an essay, was given by Mr. McGill. He held the opinion that home Geography should be taught first, proceeding from the known to the unknown, that is, explaining the unknown by the known. It was highly practical. Messrs. McKay, Telford, Clendenning, Burgess, Munro, and Butchart discussed the methods of teaching that subject. Mr. Butchart gave a reading, called "Essay on Canada." He read it clearly and forcibly. The following resolution, moved by Mr. Morgan, B. A., seconded by Mr. Clendenning, P. S. I., was passed by the East Bruce Teachers' Association:—"Whereas, in the Providence of the Almighty God, there has been removed from our midst, in the person of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, one who has spent a life of great activity and usefulness in establishing and perfecting our Educational System, and who, during a long life, has been the teachers' most faithful friend and adviser, and in whom they have suffered an irreparable loss; the teachers of East Bruce Association hereby express their deep sympathy with the bereaved family in their great affliction." The following resolution of condolence, moved by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Burgess, was passed by the East Bruce Teachers' Association:—"We, the members of the East Bruce School Teachers' Association, having heard of the recent death of Mr. S. A. Marling, M. A., High School Inspector, avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our deep sense of regret