

Esq. ; 1st Vice-President, W. L. Brown ; 2nd Vice-President, A. Black ; Sec., J. Finchcamp ; Treas., Jas. Grant.—*Com.*

—**EAST DURHAM TEACHER'S CONVENTION.**—On the 29th September, a highly successful meeting of the Educational Association of East Durham was held in Port Hope—Mr. Montgomery, of Millbrook, presiding. The Port Hope *Times* thus refers to it :—There was a large sprinkling of lady teachers among those in attendance, and much of the success of the Convention is due to their assistance. Our efficient and indefatigable County Inspector, Mr. J. J. Tilley, is deserving of great credit for the energy and ability he has displayed in bringing the Association, in so short a time, to such a state of efficiency. Mr. Montgomery, President, Mr. P. N. Davey, Vice-President, and Mr. Hughes, Secretary, have shown themselves excellent officers, and deserve high praise. The Association is one that cannot fail to be highly beneficial not only to the teachers themselves, but to the great cause of education. We feel certain that all who attended the late meeting were highly satisfied with the proceedings, and went home with more expanded ideas, and much useful knowledge not possessed by them before ; and we think it very unlikely that any of them will be found absent at the next "roll call." We were most agreeably surprised at the amount of ability displayed in debate upon the various important subjects discussed, and the forensic skill of some young men who have barely attained their majority. Mr. Montgomery, of Millbrook ; Mr. P. N. Davey, Perrytown ; Mr. G. A. Irwin, Bethany ; Mr. Percy Davis, Springville ; Mr. S. Hughes, Lifford ; Mr. James Browne, Millbrook ; and one or two others, proved themselves to be eloquent and forcible speakers. The vocal and instrumental music of Miss Sharpe, Miss Walsh, and Miss Taylor, was most creditable to those ladies and added much to the interest and enjoyment of the proceedings. When the Convention opened, Mr. J. J. Tilley delivered an able address upon the subject :—"To what extent, and in what way, should teachers render assistance to pupils ?" Mr. S. Hughes delivered an excellent address upon the subject—"Some of the prominent causes of failure in Teaching." A discussion ensued thereon, in which Messrs. Davis, Harris, Elliott and Tilley took part. The next subject—"The best method of treating stubborn and refractory pupils, and the policy of dismissing the same from School," was opened in an able and eloquent speech by Mr. Percy S. Davis. In the discussion which followed, able and sensible speeches were made by Messrs. Kerr, Brown, Johnston, Hughes, and Tilley. Mr. W. L. Johnston opened the next subject—"Spelling," in a neat speech—Mr. Johnstone (Cobourg,) and Messrs. Cameron, Davis and Hughes taking part in the ensuing discussion. A meeting to which all friends of education were invited, was held in the Hall in the evening. The chair was taken at 7.30 by the President, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, after singing and recitations. Mr. A. Purslow, Port Hope High School, followed with an essay upon the subject—"The teacher should be a constant reader," which was listened to with attention and applauded. On motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. P. N. Davey, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Ladies for their valuable assistance, and to Messrs. Purslow, Farewell, Thornhill, and Harris, for their services, after which the National Anthem was sung. Mr. Johnstone, of Cobourg, made a suggestion relative to a union between the teachers of East Durham and West Northumberland. He said that a meeting of Northumberland teachers had decided in favour of a union between the two counties for an annual convention, but no arrangement had been completed. In the meantime he thought the scheme he proposed would be found advantageous, and he would like to see a committee appointed to meet a committee from Northumberland for the purpose of arranging the matter. On motion of Mr. Tilley, seconded by Mr. Percy S. Davis, it was unanimously decided to accept the offer from Northumberland and to appoint a committee to meet the teachers from Northumberland, at the examination in Cobourg, relative to the question of Unions. Messrs. Davey, Tilley and Hughes were appointed a committee for that purpose. Mr. P. N. Davey then opened the subject—"The best course to pursue in organising a School,"

Messrs. Evans, Perrytown ; Johnstone, Cobourg ; Purslow, Port Hope ; Davis, Springville ; Montgomery, Millbrook ; Cameron, Port Hope ; the Inspector taking part in the discussion thereof. "The best exercises and amusements for the playground in connection with our schools," was opened by Mr. G. A. Irwin ; and discussed by Messrs. Hughes, Osborne, Johnstone, Armour, and Tilley. Miss Jeanie Sharp then favoured the audience with a song, and received deserved applause. Miss Christie of Millbrook, was then called upon to read an essay upon "Patriotism," which she had prepared for the occasion. She read clearly, distinctly, and with much feeling, and held her hearers spellbound from the beginning to the close, when she was again rapturously applauded. It was resolved on motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Tilley, that Miss Christie be requested to allow the Essay to be published in the local journals. At the close, after singing the National Anthem, this successful meeting adjourned.

—**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, MANITOBA.**—The subscriptions, up to the present, from all quarters in Ontario and Quebec, amount to \$7,000, and before the Archdeacon closes his mission, the total will be swelled to \$10,000 or \$12,000. At the convocation, held at Lennoxville, P.O., on the 29th ult., the University of Bishop's College conferred the degree of Doctor of Civil Law on the Venerable Archdeacon McLean, of Manitoba. By request of the Chancellor, Dr. McLean addressed the convocation, and afterwards assisted at the distribution of the prizes awarded to the pupils of the Collegiate School.

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