

ing twelve months. In the afternoon Miss Thompson taught a 3rd class in spelling and meanings, and exemplified her system of teaching that useful branch, which led to an animated discussion by Messrs J. E. Dickson, B.A., Holland McMahon, Jewett, and Armstrong. Miss Thompson ably defended her plan, which seemed to be extremely practical. Mr. D. Hall then recited with much ability "The Defence of the Bridge." Mr. J. E. Dickson, H. M. Newmarket H. School, took up a portion of "The Lady of the Lake," and, acting as if the members present were a class, led them through the analysis, grammatical construction, rhythm, and history of the passages in a manner that showed his perfect knowledge of the subject. The committee on nomination handed in their report, which, after some amendments, resulted in the re-election of the several officers, with Messrs. McMahon, Holland, Dickson, and Love as Committee of Management. Mr. W. Rannie, H. M. Newmarket Model School, gave notice that at next convention he would move that the constitution be amended so as to admit of an Assistant Secretary being made an officer of the Association. In the evening a large audience, composed of the teachers and townsfolk, occupied the same room to hear a lecture given by Mr. James L. Hughes, Inspector of City Schools, Toronto. On the motion of Mr. Fotheringham, Mr. Bastedo, Chairman of the local school-board, was voted to the chair, who after a few well pointed remarks, introduced the talented lecturer. Mr. Hughes took up the subject of "School-room Humor," and for two hours he fairly delighted the audience with the admirable sketches of school life which he graphically depicted. The school-boy, the teacher, the trustee, the angry parent, and the economical member of parliament were individually criticized from a humorous point of view; while from each individual instance the lecturer in his closing words drew a parallel showing the serious nature of the teacher's labor, how he might combat with wrong and maintain the right; elevate himself and ennoble his profession; and dissipate darkness, ignorance, and intolerance by spreading the bright rays of wisdom, truth, and education in the sphere where'n his lot is cast. During the delivery of the lecture rounds of applause greeted almost every sentence, and at its conclusion the peals were deafening. The Rev. Mr. Rose, in very happy language, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his humorous, interesting and highly instructive address. It was seconded by Rev. Mr. Frizzell and carried by acclamation. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a pleasant and profitable evening's entertainment. After devotional exercises the next day, the Auditor's report was received and adopted, and it was decided that the funds in hand be given to the Treasurer to be placed by him in the local bank. Messrs. Martin and Hall were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. The superannuation question was then taken up and discussed. In this matter Mr. Hughes gave his valuable assistance, which guided the convention to arrange the matter on a footing similar to that adopted by the Toronto Teachers' Association and the alterations were handed over to Messrs. Rose, Dickson, Rannie, and Martin to be summarized and adjusted. Mr. Hughes was invited to show his system of teaching History *topically*, and the simple arrangement whereby this generally uninteresting subject may be made to fasten itself on a child's memory, was highly appreciated by the members. He also illustrated an easy and attractive method of teaching Industrial Drawing to young children. The teachers present, who imagined that it required an accomplished artist to undertake this task, were astonished at the graceful figures drawn on the black-board from the few simple rules laid down by Mr. Hughes. From the copies made by some of the members in their note-books it is not improbable that the subject will be effectively introduced into the schools of North York. On the motion of J. E. Dickson, R. A., seconded by Mr. W. Rannie, the warm thanks of the Association were tendered to Mr. Hughes for his kind and able services at the Convention and his admirable lecture the previous evening. It was carried with enthusiasm and after transacting some routine business the proceedings closed.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON — This Association met in its first session of 1881 in the Model School, Napanee, on Friday and Saturday the 6th and 7th of May. The President, F. Burrows Esq., I.P.S., occupied the chair. About 70 teachers were present at the opening, but before the session closed the number was increased to about 115. After routine the election of officers for the year was proceeded with. Inspector Burrows was unanimously re-elected President; Mr. Bowerman, first Vice-President; Mrs. Pomeroy, second Vice-President; Mr. Cortez Fessenden, Treasurer; Mr. Kimmerly, Secretary; Messrs. Storms and Hart, Miss Bush, Miss Gum, and Mrs. McKinley were elected members of the Managing Committee. Messrs. Black and Mahoe were elected auditors for the year. Mr. Bowerman was appointed a delegate to the next meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Association. Messrs. Fessenden and Burrows were strongly in favor of having the Provincial Teachers' Association made a representative body. A resolution moved by Mr. Bowerman, and seconded by Mr. Black, that "in the opinion of this Association, it is highly desirable that the Provincial Teachers' Association be made entirely representative," was adopted. Mr. Mahoe stated that he had written to the Education Department asking whether Easter Monday is a holiday for rural schools or not. "He had received a reply to the effect that it is a holiday for rural schools as well as for any others,

according to law." Mr. Burrows referred to the changes in the School Law with regard to shortening the summer vacation. The regular programme for the session was then taken up. Mrs. Pomeroy illustrated, by means of class, her method of teaching elementary Geography. Mr. Martyn, of the Newburg High School, took up the subject of Arithmetic to beginners. He showed a very practical method of introducing the subject to the young, and urged the necessity of giving pupils a thorough drill in the elementary rules. Messrs. W. J. Black and Geo. Paul each read a practical paper on "School Management," covering the whole ground of the subject. Mr. Mr. Irvin, of Bath, introduced the subject of "Uniform Promotion Examinations." He was very much in favor of such examinations, as he had seen them carried out in other counties. After some remarks in support of Mr. Irvin's views by different members of the Association, it was resolved that "a committee consisting of Messrs. Burrows, Fessenden, Irwin, Tyndale, Mahoe, and Bowerman be appointed to devise some practical scheme for Uniform Promotion Examinations in this county, to be carried into effect as soon as possible." **Second day.** — Mr. Burrows brought forward the subject of Superannuation of Teachers. A communication from the Legislative Committee of the Provincial Teachers' Association in reference to the proposed changes in the law regarding the superannuation of teachers was read and referred to the Committee before mentioned. Mr. Bowerman, in taking up the subject "School Hygiene," confined himself to the eyes, &c., and gave some excellent hints on the prevention of *myopia* in pupils. Mr. Buchan, High School Inspector, then gave a very interesting and instructive address on the study of "English," going over all the branches of the English course for Public Schools. No mere synopsis of the address would do justice to the speaker. Afterwards Mr. Buchan was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association. The Association then adjourned. On Friday evening a public meeting was held at which Hon. John Stevenson presided. After a class drill in calisthenics by Miss Fraser, of the Napanee Model School, Mr. Buchan delivered a lecture on "Poetry and Politics" to an appreciative audience.

WEST VICTORIA. — The eighth semi-annual meeting of the above Association was held in the School House, Woodville, on the 10th and 11th ult., and was a splendid success in every respect. In the absence of Inspector Reazin, President, the Association was called to order by Mr. Fowler, Vice-President. Mr. J. Campbell introduced the subject "Composition." He handled it in a masterly style, and pointed out the necessity of early cultivation of good English in pupils. Mr. Wm. Campbell took the subject "Mathematical Geography," and dwelt on those points most likely to puzzle the minds of young children. He was followed by Mr. D. McDougall, who gave an interesting lesson on "Fractions," and he illustrated his method of presenting each successive step on this subject. A general discussion followed and the Convention adjourned. The first half hour in the afternoon session was occupied in transacting some formal business. The officers elected for the ensuing year:—President, H. Reazin, I. P. S.; Vice-President, J. Brethour, B.A.; Secretary, L. Gilchrist. Managing Committee—Messrs. Fowler, Cundall, McLaughlin, Graham, and McDougall. Mr. Reazin, I. P. S., read the circular respecting the Superannuated Teachers Fund, as submitted by the Legislative Council. Each clause was taken *seriatim*, and a number of resolutions adopted. First, opposing any change in the name or management of the fund. Second, opposing any change in payments to the fund, other than that the payment should be yearly instead of half-yearly and deducted from the legislative grant. Third, the limit as to age in Clause 9 be struck out, and the periods of service be shortened to ladies twenty years and gentlemen twenty-five years' service. After a lively discussion the subject was dropped and the programme resumed. Mr. A. C. Graham was then called upon to take the subject of "English Infinitives." He read a very concise and well-arranged paper, and dealt on the derivation and uses of the infinitive and gerund. He was followed by Mr. McRae, who gave an interesting lecture on "History," pointing out the necessity of much reading on the part of teachers to be good historians. A short discussion followed, and the Convention then adjourned to meet in the evening. At eight o'clock a crowded audience assembled in the Town Hall. The President occupied the chair. The programme consisted of an essay on Education by J. Shaw, M.A., Head Master of the Omeme High School, and a good selection of vocal and instrumental music interspersed with readings. The solo by Miss Talbot, Miss Grant, and Miss Stuart, and the instrumental music by Miss Tooke, were received with applause and encored. Towards the close of the meeting Messrs. Cundall and Fowler, on behalf of the teachers of West Victoria, presented Mr. Reazin with a "gold watch and chain." Mr. Reazin replied in suitable terms. Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. Shaw for his admirable essay, to the ladies and gentlemen who furnished the music and reading, and to Mr. S. C. Rodgers for the use of an excellent organ for the occasion. The meeting was closed by all joining in singing the National Anthem. The Convention assembled at 9.30 a.m., and after it was opened by the President with devotional exercises, Mr. P. H. Allen introduced the subject of "Stocks," with which he dealt very ably, and showed how a class might become proficient in this subject taking it mentally. Mr. McLaughlin then elucidated vari-