

mind development as well as afford a means of culture in the language itself, and there can be no more useful branch of study in the school course.

—A preliminary meeting of the Executive Committee of the Teachers' Association of the Province of Quebec was held on the 14th of June, and after much discussion an outline programme was mapped out, of which we give the report from the Secretary, Mr. Arthy:—Thursday, October 16th—9.12 a.m., reports; 2.5 p.m., methods of teaching English Grammar; how to teach pupils to read intelligently; object lessons; model lessons in drawing; 8 p.m., President's address; address of delegates. Friday, October 17th—9.10, election of officers; 10.12, elementary education: (*a*) scheme of examination for elementary schools; (*b*) financial condition: minimum salary of elementary teachers; (*c*) school attendance: compulsory education; (*d*) how to obtain professionally-trained teachers; 2.5, elementary education (continued): (*e*) district schools in their relation to parents; (*f*) district schools in their relation to School Commissioners; (*g*) the school year: term of teachers' engagements; 8 p.m., *conversazione*. Saturday, October 18th—9.12, superior education: (*a*) distribution of grants; (*b*) marriage license funds: proposed abolition; (*c*) school fees of county academies; (*d*) special diplomas; (*e*) A.A. examinations: their order and length. Any further suggestion must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, E. W. Arthy, Esq., Montreal. Arrangements for railways, hotels, etc., will be as usual.

Current Events.

—Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Teachers' Association, in connection with McGill Normal School. "Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Association: The work of your Association has been carried on from Sept., '89, until the present month, and during this period five regular meetings have been held in the months of October, November, January, February and April. The subjects for these meetings were chosen relative to the professional work of the teacher, and it is much to be regretted that the several valuable papers were delivered before such scanty audiences. The prevalence of so much illness during the past session may account partly for the small attendance. At the October meeting the course of study for Common Schools was considered and further discussed at the November meeting by gentlemen outside of the profession. Two lectures were