

eral knowledge among his scholars by means of newspapers, and read a set of questions on the topics of the day, which he had given to his pupils at their last examination. The following were amongst them:—

State the objections to Mob or Lynch law. Name any important subjects engaging the attention of the Dominion or Ontario parliaments. What are the causes of the Irish distress, and what is being done to alleviate it?

The following officers were elected unanimously:—President, John Dearness, I.P.S.; First Vice-President, Mr. Jarvis; Second Vice-President, Miss Boone; Secretary, Mr. McQueen; Treasurer, Mr. Eckert.

The committee on the holiday question submitted a report expressing disapprobation of the recent changes of the school law relative to vacations. A discussion followed in which Messrs. Jarvis, Hodgins, Donaldson, Colton, and Stock condemned the shortening of vacations on the ground that confinement of children in the school-room during the dog-days is detrimental to their health and progress. Messrs. Fawcett, Eckert, and Stuart, while agreeing with this idea, thought it better to defer action until it was seen whether trustees would unwisely exercise the power given them by the recent changes.

Mr. McQueen read a report from the Examination Committee recommending that uniform promotion examinations be held in every school in the inspectorate, twice yearly, in January and August. The details of the scheme were left to the Management Committee. The report was unanimously adopted.

On motion it was resolved to purchase Parkman's Works on the History of Canada for the library.

Mr. Woodburn, head master of Bond street school, and Mr. H. B. Sutherland, gave short addresses, which were well received.

NORTHUMBERLAND TEACHERS' COUNTY CONVENTION.—The semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in the Cobourg Collegiate Institute buildings, on the 26th and 27th ult. Mr. W. E. Bartlett, of Wark-

worth, presided. The first session was devoted to general business, the most important item of which was the appropriation by the Association of about \$50, whereby the members, on payment of a nominal sum, may obtain a copy of the CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY, and also a copy of the *School Journal*. It is expected that from eighty to one hundred copies of the MONTHLY will find their way into the hands of our teachers by this means; a number of *Journals* will also be taken.

Mr. David I. Johnston, ex-President of the Association, and who has recently retired from the active work of teaching, was elected an honorary member and invited to participate in the discussions.

The first part of the second session was devoted to "Factoring in Algebra," the discussion being opened by Mr. W. S. Ellis, B.A., Mathematical Master of the Institute. His exceedingly clear and comprehensive treatment of the subject elicited the admiration of the Association, and a hearty vote of thanks was presented. A discussion followed on "School Discipline," during which valuable suggestions were given by Messrs. Inspector Scarlett, Johnston, Dowler, McHenry, Sprague, McEvers, and others. While theoretically in favour of moral suasion, the Association were unanimously of the opinion that a judicious use of the rod is both necessary and beneficial.

The evening session was given to a very able lecture by Dr. Burwash, on "Schools and Schoolmasters."

The first session of Friday was devoted to the subject of "Reading," the discussion being opened by Mr. W. E. Sprague, whose practical remarks were followed by valuable suggestions from Mr. Ash and others. Mr. Orr, Head Master of Brighton High School, followed in an able critical analysis of the principal parts of Gray's "Elegy." A discussion on the subject of Third Class Literature was brought to a close by a resolution condemning the present course, and recommending that the Literature for Third Class teachers be more in harmony with that required of Second Class teachers. "Penman-