

heads were as well worthy of study as the worms beneath our feet. After some further discussion, the course was submitted for further revision to a committee to be named by the president. Thus closed a most successful session of the association. 290 enrolled members were in attendance. Of these, upwards of 250 were teachers in active service.

Rev E. M. Keirstead, M. A., has been appointed professor of metaphysics and English literature in Acadia College. Prof. Kierstead assumes the chair recently occupied by Dr. J. G. Schurman. He is a graduate of the university of New Brunswick and of Newton Theological seminary. Albert Coldwell, M. A., has been appointed instructor in natural sciences in the same institution, Acadia College.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT TEACHERS.

This body held its nineteenth annual meeting in the school room attached to St. Peter's church, Sherbrooke, July 4th, 5th, and 6th. The proceedings were opened by the president, R. W. Henneker Esq., D. C. L., chancellor of Lennoxville, on the evening of the 4th. The attendance of teachers at the first session was small but each succeeding session showed a considerable augmentation. A large number of the influential citizens and clergy, were present at each session and evinced a warm interest in the several subjects. Among the occupants of the platform at different sessions were the Hon. G. Ouimet, superintendent of public instruction, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, Principal Dawson, of McGill college, E. J. Hemming Esq., Drummondville, the Revs. Arch. Duff, C. P. Reid, S. Brock, and Inspector Hubbard, Sherbrooke.

The secretary, Rev. E. J. Rexford, M. A., drew attention to the programme, read several letters from friends in Canada and the United States regretting their inability to attend, and gave a resume of the work performed by the executive committee. John Harper, B. A. Rector of Quebec high school read an admirable paper on "Cause and effect in school-work," which was well discussed. Miss Henderson of the girl's high school read a well written paper on "Scott's Lady of the Lake, with an elementary class," which also led to an interesting discussion as to the age when such a subject might be presented. Miss Francis of the McGill normal school, followed with a paper on "How to teach Analysis." Mr. J. L. Robertson of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, gave an address on "Primary Reading" which was much appreciated. Miss Sloan of the McGill model school then read a paper on "How to teach object lessons, and illustrated her method by giving a lesson on wheat to a class of boys whom she kept thoroughly interested. Miss Reid succeeded her with a valuable paper on "How to keep the little ones employed." A committee on resolutions was appointed consisting of the following gentlemen: Dr. Kelley, Montreal, Messrs. R. M. Campbell, Three Rivers, J. Harper, Quebec, H. Hubbard and J. H. Forde, Sherbrooke; J. Masten, Coaticook, Curtis, St. John's; and Graham, Huntingdon. Mr. R. W. Henneker, D. C. L., then gave the presidential address on "Competitive and qualifying examinations" which, judging from the applause it frequently received, gave general satisfaction. Miss McGinn, of the Mackay institute, Montreal, read a most interesting paper on "Visible speech" and afterwards illustrated her system of instruction by introducing a deaf boy, (son of a Sherbrooke citizen,) who pronounced audibly some extremely difficult words, Latin quotations and colloquial phrases, written in a peculiar caligraphy on the blackboard. She also by lip movement held a conversation with him. Everyone appeared intensely pleased with the great and peculiar success of the system she exemplified. The Hon. G. Ouimet, superintendent of public instruction, whose appearance was greeted with considerable applause, next addressed the meeting, first in English, afterwards in French. His eloquence seemed to inspire the audience, for the enthusiasm was loud and frequent. He dwelt particularly on the progress of education in the Province, the importance of the teacher's work and the improved prospects of the teacher. The time and place of next meeting caused an animated discussion and it was eventually decided to meet at Lachute, October, 1883. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Christie; vice-presidents, Alderman J. C. Wilson, Rev. E. J. Rexford, and Mr. J. Masten of Coaticook; secretary, Dr. Kelley; treasurer, Mr. C. A. Humphrey; executive committee, Dr. Robins, Rev. Principal Holmes, inspectors McLaughlin and McGregor, Misses Henderson, Sloan, Francis and Hill, Messrs. Rowell, Kneeland, Harper, Campbell, Halliday, Forde, and Curtis. A very important discussion on "How to make

the Educational Record useful to teachers" was introduced by R. W. Boodle Esq. B. A. editor, and some practical steps were taken to promote the success of this able, useful and instructive periodical in the Province. Mr. F. C. Emberson gave a brief address on "Chronologico-symbolic aids in teaching history," after which Mr. R. W. Boodle read an excellent paper on "The necessity of reform in English grammar," which elicited an interesting discussion. Mr. R. M. Campbell adverted to the Pension Act and was replied to by the Hon. G. Ouimet. The committee on resolutions then presented their report, at the conclusion of which principal Dawson gave an admirable address bearing on the position of Protestant education, the duties of teachers, the principles of instruction and the evil of cramming. He was followed by an address from Mr. E. J. Hemming on the importance of the rudiments of a good English education being well attended to in public schools. After a vote of thanks to the Hon. the superintendent of public instruction for his presence, kindly sympathy, and substantial assistance, the convention was closed by benediction pronounced by the Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Rev E. J. Rexford, M. A., late head master of Montreal high school has been appointed secretary of the department of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec. This appointment has given great satisfaction to the teachers of the Province, by whom Mr. Rexford is universally respected; and a cordial resolution expressive of their pleasure was passed at the late convention of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, of which he was Secretary. Dr. Kelley succeeds Mr. Rexford in the headmastership.

MANITOBA.

WINNIPEG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the regular meeting of the City Teachers' Association, held in Mr. McIntyre's class room, Central School, Mr. N. Howitt, introduced the subject of writing, which was followed by an interesting discussion in which Messrs Somerset, McIntyre, Hunt, and Miss Shore took part. This was followed by a paper on music, read by Mr. Hunt, explaining the Tonic Sol-fa System. After a short discussion it was decided to introduce the system in the schools after the mid-summer vacation.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. E. A. Blakely and seconded by Mr. E. S. Garratt, were then carried unanimously:—

"That we the members of the Winnipeg Teachers' Association desire to take this opportunity to record our approval of the course adopted by the Inspector, Mr. T. B. Somerset, in endeavoring to work up the city schools to a more thorough state of efficiency, and to express our willingness to heartily co-operate with him in all his earnest efforts in that direction.

"We would further wish to give expression to the very high esteem in which he is held by us, not only as an efficient public officer, but also as a Christian gentleman. He has been among us only a short time, but during that time he has established for himself a reputation for thoroughness which augurs well for the future prosperity of our schools.

"We consider our school authorities are to be congratulated on having secured the services of such an able and practical gentleman to assist in moulding the destiny of the educational institutions of this young province.

ONTARIO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Provincial teachers' association of Ontario took place in the Public Hall of the Education Department on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of August. The President, Archibald McMurphy, M. A., presided and delivered the usual address, in the course of which he gave a valuable and interesting review of the educational work in the different English speaking countries. He strongly advocated a form of teacher's agreement, in which no definite time would be specified, the understanding being that the engagement was to last as long as the teacher continued to give satisfaction. He discussed the danger of mixing up politics with education, and favored a return in Ontario to the administration of the Department by an officer who would not be mixed up in party political struggles. He discussed also the use of the Bible in schools and thought the law should be amended so as to require moral and religious instruction to be given in all schools unless when a vote of the people in any locality declared otherwise.

During the afternoon of the first day's meeting Mr. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, gave an address on "School hours and vacations,"