

over grasps after what is still to be obtained. Mr. Kollogg's other statements were, however, very forcible, as "There must be something valuable in the old systems, or they could not have produced such men as we have at present." But "We cannot teach language without some law." Mr. Nichols, B.A., P.S.I., gave a short address on "Vocal Music," advocating its use in schools, and giving his personal experience in the study of that art. The question was discussed by several other gentlemen, who all held the same opinion of its value in schools. Mr. McLachlan, principal of the Canada business college, very ably illustrated "Penmanship, and how to teach it," by turning the convention into a writing-class, explaining principles and movements, and showing how to obtain the required results by various exercises; giving the analysis of capital letters, etc., and thoroughly explaining the whole in a most interesting manner. A committee, consisting of Mr. McLachlan, Rev. Mr. McColl, Mr. Colles, and Mr. Nichols, was then appointed to compare the copy books, and report on their respective merits; and the meeting was adjourned till afternoon. The first subject on the afternoon list was reading, discussing, and answering the questions in the question drawer, but as these were few not much time was required. The committee on copy books then submitted their report, namely, that, after a careful comparison of the "Beatty Copy Book," published by Campbell & Co., and those newly issued by Gage & Co., the majority decided in favor of those issued by Gage & Co., with the exception that angular hand should not be introduced in schools. Furthermore, Mr. Nichols stated that was he not thoroughly convinced that Gage & Co.'s books were the best he could not on any account be induced to give such a verdict. Moved by Mr. Bracken, seconded by Mr. Park, "That the report be adopted.—Carried. Short addresses were then delivered by several ministers of the town." Rev. A. McColl delivered a very able address on "Truthfulness," its special importance in schools; the care with which all exaggeration and equivocation should be avoided; the sacredness of a promise, etc. Rev. N. H. Martin followed with a very pleasing address on "Courtesy in Schools." That gentleman maintained "that children should be taught the necessity of treating all around them with politeness; that rudeness is never a mark of equality. Persons have risen to very high stations in life, to which they would never have attained had it not been for the charm of their manners, one notable instance of this being the Duke of Marlborough." Rev. J. R. Bathys then gave a short but pithy speech on the "Rod," advocating its judicious use in schools, and gave his opinion that, in some instances, it was an absolute necessity. Professor McVicar, of Montreal (who was present), was then asked to say a few words. He began by stating his approbation of the order in which the addresses were arranged; 1st, Truth; 2d, Courtesy; and lastly, the Rod. Truth must be the basis of all character and action. Then he said a few words regarding the style of the teacher—"enthusiasm and individuality must characterize his manner." Mr. Nichols, B.A., P.S.I., also said a few words on "Neatness." Moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Crawford, "That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the gentlemen who so kindly and ably addressed the meeting."—Carried. The officers for the present year were then elected by the members, as follows: Moved by Mr. Bracken, seconded by Mr. Colles, "That Mr. W. H. Shaw be president."—Carried. Moved by Mr. Colles, seconded by Mr. Bracken, "That Mr. Davis, B.A., be first vice-president."—Carried. Moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Nichols, "That Mr. Rose be second vice-president."—Carried. Moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Rose, "That Mr. Nichols, B.A., P.S.I., be treasurer."—Carried. Moved by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Colles, "That Miss Dawson be secretary."—Carried. Executive committee, named by president, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Bracken, and Mr. Colles. New Business.—Moved by Mr. J. Bracken, seconded by Mr. C. P. Kellogg, and resolved, "That this association respectfully requests the Minister of Education to add the subject of vocal music to the programme of studies prescribed for students in county model schools; and, in event of being received, the solfa system be adopted."—Carried. Moved by Mr. Birch, seconded by Mr. Shaw, "That the best thanks of the association be and are hereby extended to the persons who so kindly and ably assisted at the entertainment, under the auspices of this association, held at the Opera House, Thursday evening, May 10th." The convention then adjourned to reassemble at the pleasure of the directors. E. S. E. DAWSON.

EAST BRUCE.—The annual meeting of East Bruce Teachers' Association took place in the Model School, Walkerton, on Friday and Saturday of last week, Mr. Telford, the President, in the chair. These meetings were interesting throughout; and were characterized by such earnestness as is too seldom found in such assemblies. Much of this, of course, was owing to the presence of Dr. McLellan, who, with all his old-time vigor, gave addresses rich with instruction and encouragement to the teachers. Under the glowing words of the Doctor, the teachers felt that theirs is indeed a noble profession, and quite worthy of the best energies of the best men. After the routine, the work of the Association was opened by Mr. Mustard, who gave an address on "Music in the Schools." Mr. Mustard treated his subject very fully and satisfactorily. In the after discussion, Dr. McLellan expressed hearty approval of points contained in the address. Upon re-assembling for afternoon

session, Dr. McLellan gave a lesson on "The A B C of Arithmetic." In a notice of this kind, it is impossible to do justice to his treatment of this subject. It may be said, however, that we were told that in our method of presenting the ideas of numbers to beginners we are quite ahead of our American cousins. "The Art of Questioning" is the title of the other lesson with which the Doctor favored us. This lesson was of great value especially to young teachers. During this session, a most interesting discussion took place on the subject, "Minister vs. General Superintendent of Education." It was feared by many that the discussion, which was intended to be a discussion in abstract as far as possible, would drift into party politics. That it did not was in a great measure owing to the speech of the introducer, Mr. E. A. Elliott, who moderately and clearly stated the advantages and disadvantages of both systems, himself inclining to some intermediate system, which should combine the good qualities of the two. On the evening of Friday, a large audience assembled in the High School Hall to hear Dr. McLellan deliver his lecture on "The Relation of Parents and Teachers to the School." Here, too, a good time was enjoyed, and all went away well satisfied with what they had heard. To few before, perhaps, was brought so powerfully the idea of the greatness of the teacher's mission, and of the far-reaching influence of the teacher, not only over the intellectual but also over the moral and spiritual natures of pupils. On Saturday a discussion took place. "Programme of Studies in the Public and High Schools." Mr. Munroe discussed the subject so far as public schools were concerned; and Mr. Morgan with reference to the high schools. The great number of options permitted in studies, in the opinion of the speakers, is having a bad effect on the efficiency of the school. A resolution to this effect was afterwards unanimously passed. On the matter of readers for the public schools—a much-vexed question—the following resolution, moved by Mr. Clendenning, seconded by Mr. Keyes, was passed.—"That in the opinion of this association no steps should be taken to introduce any new series of readers into our schools until the question has been submitted to the association at its next meeting." On Saturday afternoon there was a much larger attendance than can usually be brought together for the last half-day's work, which usually consists of routine business. At this session, Mr. Telford gave his method of teaching composition. The question drawer, always an interesting feature of our association, was taken up. Mr. Morgan and Mr. McKay answered the questions on grammar and arithmetic respectively. The election of officers resulted in the appointment of the same officers for the ensuing year as for the past. The delegates appointed to attend the provincial association are Messrs. Telford and Morgan. Special attention ought here to be made of a new feature which was introduced in connection with these meetings, viz. readings by Misses Wiley and Patterson, and Mr. Bolitho, pupils of the Walkerton high school. The efforts of these young people elicited hearty applause, their renderings being much admired. Under the head of essays we were favored by Miss Thornton with an essay on "Self Culture," and by Miss Bessie Ross, with one on "Self-Help." Both of these were expressed in choice English, and did great credit to the writers. At four o'clock the association adjourned, to meet at Paisley in the coming fall, and so ended a series of meetings of the most satisfactory character to all concerned.

SOUTH GREY.—The annual meeting of the South Grey Teachers' Association was held in the Town Hall, Flesherton, on the 22nd and 23rd May. The attendance of teachers was not so large as on some occasions, owing to the decidedly unfavorable weather. The meeting itself, however, was generally pronounced the most successful ever held in South Grey. Our indefatigable secretary had secured such an array for the occasion—chief among whom was J. A. McLellan, M.A., L.L.D., with several others—that throughout the whole time the attention never seemed to flag, till the time for final adjournment had almost arrived. The lecture by the worthy Doctor, and the recitations by Mr. Tait of Collingwood, in the evening of the first day, were listened to with rapt and delighted attention. The lecture itself was a masterly, an overpowering effort. A competent authority remarked that he had frequently listened to eloquence before, on both sides of the Atlantic, but to none equal to that of Ontario's great orator, Dr. McLellan.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—The annual meeting of this association was held in the Central School, St. Catharines, on Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th. At the morning session, on Friday, Mr. E. R. Hutt, of Port Dalhousie, was elected to the chair. The minutes of the last convention were read and adopted. Mr. Grey and Misses McCoy and Crawford were appointed as a committee to introduce teachers to each other. Mr. W. F. Rittenhouse, president of the association, tendered his resignation on the ground that he was leaving the profession. Mr. J. B. Grey, county inspector, then introduced the subject of Discipline. Mr. J. W. Rae took up Map Drawing as a means of teaching Geography, and Mr. J. H. McFaul, city inspector, that of Map Drawing to Scale. At the afternoon session, Mr. E. Cruikshank, Peamsville, introduced the subject of History-teaching, as a fourth class. Messrs. Cork, Henderson, Hutt, and Haynes took part in the discussion which followed, and which turned principally on the scope of the subject which had to