

No. 2, LEEDS.—Thursday and Friday, May 29th and 30th.—**PROGRAMME:** Thursday, May 29th, 9 a.m., Business Meeting, Reading Minutes, &c.: 9.30, Roll Call of Members; 13, President's Address; 10.30, Multiples and Measures, by Messrs. Rowatt, Rabb and Eyre; 11.20, Order, by Messrs. Evans, Davis and Easton; 1.30 p.m., Monthly Reports, by Messrs. Burke and Derbyshire; 2, Physical Geography, by Prof. Macoun; of Albert College; 3, Composition, by Mr. Wherry, Miss Addison and Miss Stafford; 3.30, Spelling, by Miss Fulton, Mr. Hanna and Mr. Donoven; 4, Geography, by Miss Beatty, Miss Giles and Mr. McMeekin; Evening, 7.30, Lecture by Prof. Macoun, "The North-West." Friday, May 30th: 9 a.m., Book-keeping, by Mr. Washburn; 9.30, Some of the Characteristics of Good Teaching, by Dr. Kinney; 10, Botany, Classification and Structure, illustrated by specimens, Prof. Macoun; 1.30 p.m., Grammar, by Mr. Bowerman, Head Master High School; 2, Question Drawer; 2.30, Algebra, by Mr. Eyre; 3.30, History, by Mr. Rowat.

R. KINNEY, Secretary.
Brockville, April 29, 1879.

A. BOWERMAN, M.A., President.

PETERBORO.—The third semi-annual meeting of the Peterboro' Teachers' Association was held on the 22nd and 23rd of May last. The convention was a complete success; the presence of two High School Inspectors imparting a life and energy it would not have otherwise have made. After general business, the first subject, "Written Examinations," was introduced by J. Jameson Wright. Miss J. H. R. Patton then read a very interesting and instructive essay on "Hints on Answering and Questioning." The essay will be published. A lively discussion here took place on mode of questioning a class, in which Messrs. Stratton, McFaul, Campbell, Earl and McLellan took part. Dr. McLellan introduced Arithmetic. He laid great stress on Addition and its intimate connection with the other rules. The Dr. expressed his ideas in plain forcible Anglo-Saxon. In the evening Mr. Buchanan addressed a meeting of over 500, in the Opera House, on "The Origin of the English." Friday morning, Mr. T. B. Braden (with class) conducted a recitation in Parsing and Analysis. Mr. Brown, P. S. I., treated Elementary Geography. Dr. McLellan discussed Algebraical Factoring—comment is unnecessary. Miss Blasdell (with class) introduced Object Lessons. Mr. Buchan followed with an address on English Grammar and Literature. After other general business the convention adjourned. The teachers separated feeling more than ever the importance of their work, and the duty of preparing for it. Officers for ensuing year:—President, James Coyle Brown, P.S.I., Peterboro'; First Vice-President, James Stratton, Peterboro'; Second Vice-President, F. J. Lynch, Peterboro'; Secy.-Treas. J. J. Wright, Bridgenorth; Committee of Management, J. F. Jeffers, M.A., Miss Pantou, Messrs. Moore, Quinn and Shearer. In the evening Dr. McLellan delighted a large audience for one hour and forty minutes.

ONTARIO.—The semi-annual meeting of the County Teachers' Association was held in the High School building, Port Perry, on Friday and Saturday, May 16th and 17th. There was a very large attendance of teachers and others present during each session. The President, Mr. James McBrien, P.S.I., occupied the chair. After the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, the following subjects were taken up and very fully dismissed:—"Reading and Spelling to Beginners," introduced by Mr. H. S. Clarke, who was followed by Messrs. Jardine, Pedley, Yeomans and Jennings; "How to Teach Geography," introduced by Mr. D. Jennings, with brief remarks from Messrs. Tamblin, Jardine, Yeomans and others; "English Literature," introduced by Mr. C. S. Pedley, and followed by short addresses from Messrs. Robinson, Magee and Tamblin; "Solutions of Arithmetical Problems for Second and Third Class Teachers," by Mr. J. J. Magee, B.A.; "Mistakes in Teaching," by Mr. Jas. Hughes, P.S.I., Toronto; "Factoring," by Mr. Jas. McKenzie, and the "Question Drawer," conducted by Mr. W. W. 'Tamblin, M.' In the evening of the first day, Mr. Hughes gave a public lecture in the Town Hall, on the Kindergarten. Mr. Hughes' able addresses added in no small degree to the success of the meeting. The next meeting is to be held in Uxbridge, in October, when another successful meeting is anticipated.

JAMES BROWN, Sec.-Treasurer.

WENTWORTH.—The semi-annual meeting of this association commenced on Friday morning, May 2nd, at 10 o'clock, in the Collegiate Institute buildings at Hamilton. After routine business, Messrs. Norton and McQueen were appointed delegates to the Provincial Association. A very interesting discussion then took place upon the use of the rod in school, in which Messrs. Moore, Norton, Fletcher and Shaver took part. It seemed to be the general opinion that corporal punishment is necessary in certain cases, but should be used very sparingly. The following officers were appointed for the following year:—President, George Dickson, M.A., Collegiate Institute; Vice-President, J. H. Smith, I.P.S., Co. Wentworth; Treasurer, W. O. Morton; Secretary, W. E. Norton. Executive Committee—A. McCallum, M.A., City Inspector; A. W. Falconer and Wm. Stewart. A very excellent paper was then read by Mr. R. E. Gallagher, Writing-Master of the Canada Business College, Hamilton, upon the subject of Penmanship. He treated the subject very ably. W. H. Ballard, M.A., then took up the subject of Mental Arithmetic, and occupied the remainder of the afternoon in explaining short methods of solving difficult problems. In the evening a large audience assembled in the Institute Hall, to listen to readings by Mr. Richard Lewis, Head Master of the Dufferin School, Toronto. Mr. Dickson, the new President, occupied the chair. Mr. Lewis gave a num-

ber of excellent selections in a very able manner, and fully sustained his reputation as a complete master of the science of elocution. Music was furnished by Mr. Johnston, teacher of music in the city schools, assisted by a large and well trained choir. The association met at 4 a.m., on Saturday, and after some routine business Mr. Richard Lewis was called upon, who introduced the subject of "How to Teach Reading." He first treated of the objects to be aimed at in teaching reading, and held the opinion that if this subject were properly taught, public readings would in the course of time take the place of the theatre in public entertainment. He then spoke at some length upon the present system of teaching reading in our public schools, and condemned it in almost unqualified terms as being clumsy and illogical. He next took up the Phonic system of teaching, and distinguished it from the Phonetic system which he does not approve of. He explained the Phonic system as used in many of the leading schools in the States, and recommended it as the best for cultivating the voice and making good readers. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Lewis for his able and instructive address. The association then adjourned.

W. E. NORTON, Secretary.

FRONTENAC.—The association met at 11 o'clock a.m., May 1st, when a communication from Waterloo County Teachers' Association, respecting Third-Class Teachers' Certificates, was read by the Secretary, but the discussion of it was postponed till the afternoon. The first paper read in the afternoon was by Mr. Bole, Principal Garden Island P.S., subject, "School Hygiene." The resolution of the Waterloo County Association at their last meeting, have come to the conclusion that as the standard for third class teachers is within the limits of the P.S. programme, there can be no legitimate objection to their being prepared in the public schools, and we also consider that the standard is sufficiently high as the certificate is only good for three years. Prof. Dupuis then gave an address on "The Scientific Units of Weights and Measures," advocating the adoption of the Metric System. Dr. McLellan next gave an address on Arithmetic, which was listened to with marked attention, and highly appreciated. In the evening Dr. McLellan gave a public lecture, subject, "Canada's Elements of National Power." Votes of thanks were passed to Dr. McLellan. On Friday the association met at 9 a.m., in the Collegiate Institute. The first subject taken up was Elementary Drawing, introduced by Mr. McIntyre, Principal Cataraqui P.S. Mr. Summerby, Principal Model School, Kingston, then read a paper on Discipline, which led to some discussion. Dr. McLellan then gave an address on Algebra, dwelling principally on Factoring. In the afternoon the officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follows: Prof. Dupuis, President; Dr. Agnow, I.P.S.; Vice-President, Mr. Hendriddle, Principal Portsmouth P.S., Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. McLellan then gave an address on Reading, in his usual felicitous style, after which a cordial vote of thanks was tendered Dr. McLellan for the valuable services rendered by him during the meeting. The association then adjourned to meet in Kingston on the first Thursday and Friday in November.

J. W. HENDRIDGE, Secretary.

May 18th, 1879.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON.—About 100 teachers were present. The exercises commenced with a lesson on drawing by Mr. A. B. Kidd, head master of Newburgh Public School. The Association then proceeded to elect the officers for the current year with the following result:—President, F. Burrows, Esq.; 1st Vice President, R. Matheson, B. A.; 2nd Vice-President, A. B. Kidd; Secretary, Wm. Tilley; Treasurer, James Bowerman; Committee of Management, Wm. J. Black, Napanee; D. G. Storms, Ernestown; W. R. Clancy, Ernestown; Mrs. R. McKim, Selby; Miss J. Walsh, Napanee; Auditors, Willis Chipman, Napanee; Thomas M. Henry, Bath. Mr. Thos. Henry then took up the subject of Algebraic Factoring, confining himself to the factoring of trinomial and binomial quantities. His modes of operation and of demonstration were characterized by simplicity and elegance. He was followed by Dr. McLellan, who, after complimenting Mr. Henry upon the accuracy of his methods, took up the subject more extensively, and gave several elegant artifices for the factoring of quantities that hitherto it has been deemed impossible to factor. The next subject was the English Literature for third class teachers, which was ably handled by Mr. Matheson. Dr. McLellan gave an admirable lesson on the teaching of arithmetic to junior classes. This was perhaps the most important and useful of the exercises. **Saturday—Second Day.**—The first subject was Geography, by James Bowerman, Head Master of Napanee Model School. He showed how young pupils should be made familiar with the cardinal points, and the relative position of places by means of local objects, and recommended the use of geographical pictures to illustrate the different divisions of land and water. He recommended map drawing as one of the best means of teaching descriptive geography thoroughly. Dr. McLellan then took up the subject of reading. After referring to the indifference with which reading has too often been regarded, he spoke of the more common errors and defects, such as general slovenliness of articulation, reading too rapidly, reading in a monotonous tone, &c., and gave practical suggestions for the remedying of these. Mr. Embury, of New-