

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

As samples of the good things said and the manner of saying them, at the Welcome Meeting of the Convention held last July in Toronto, we publish the address of the Rev. Principal Grant, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, and that of Dr. Harris, Washington, D.C., Commissioner of Education for the United States of America.

## THE N. E. A. CONVENTION.

FOR the first time in its twenty-five years' history the National Educational Association of the United States of America met this summer outside of its own country. For the first time since the unhappy separation in 1783, those of the old homestead have had the privilege and pleasure of welcoming such a large, influential and representative body of our kinsmen, as the National Association to the hearts and homes of the British people. There was scarcely a state or territory of the Union which was not represented, more or less, in the great gathering of educators that met at Toronto last July. And with one exception, or at the most two, every province and territory in America, whose national emblem is the "red cross flag," was likewise represented in the "Convention" of 1891.

Right well did Canadians make provision to welcome our co-workers in the educational field. The House of Commons, Ottawa, made a grant for the occasion; with alacrity, the House of Assembly, Ontario, responded to the request of the local executive committee with an equal amount, to assist in defraying the necessary expenses connected with

the meeting of the brethren in Ontario this year; and Toronto, the place selected, besides providing handsome accommodation for the large number (put by the railways at 20,000) in attendance at the convention, made also a money grant of a sum equal to either of the other two. Thus, not unworthily we hope, has the national spirit of kind hospitality been upheld by this member of the Empire. The frequent opportunities which our people had of meeting the visiting friends in public and private gave the needed facility for referring to the unity which characterizes both countries, as regards race, language, religion and institutions. We know that many of the teachers of Canada found this freedom of private intercourse with its exchange of views on educational affairs in both countries, its informal discussions and kindly intimacies one of the most beneficial results of the magnificent gathering of teachers which we have been favoured with this year in Ontario. We are glad to be able to state that from almost all parts of Canada we had friends with us in Toronto to take part in the exercises and share in the pleasure and profit of meeting our kinsmen from the south of the line.

It was and is an inspiration to the teachers, who must often work in solitary places, to have seen the array of talent and to have heard the voice of living power which came together this summer in Toronto.

If the programme of the local executive committee, as it stood originally, could have been realized, the convention, noteworthy, noble and involving far-reaching consequences for good, as it assuredly does, would have