

were not present have the greater cause to regret their absence, while those who did attend the meetings have reason to congratulate themselves upon their good fortune.

The greatest recommendation of this comparatively new association is that its membership is representative of the whole Dominion. At its triennial meetings the opportunity is afforded for Vancouver and Victoria men to meet face to face with men from Halifax and St. John to discuss questions of common interest, in regard to which the various provinces have much to learn the one from the other. New ideals are revealed, new ideas are put forth, and new methods of treating old subjects are discussed, the most diverse views being set forth by the representatives of dignified, conservative, old Quebec, with all its traditional culture, and those of the breezy West, whose boast it is that they have no hide-bound traditions to prevent them from making whatsoever experiments they please.

There has been a fear expressed that certain members have tried to capture the Association for their own purposes. If such is their desire, they did not attain it this year, and it is to be hoped they never will, for their doing so would mean the certain death of the Association. A Dominion Educational Bureau for collecting the educational statistics of the various provinces and for promoting such general interests of education as may be legitimately promoted, with due regard to the B. N. A. Act, may be desirable, and so may a Dominion certificate for teachers and a Dominion registration of

certificates. If nothing more can be said in favour of these questions than was said by the gentlemen who advocated them, it would seem to be the better part of wisdom for the committee to preserve the peace by ruling the questions off their programme, till what seems like personal irritation shall have had time to subside. As a beginning in the direction mentioned, it would be quite sufficient to adopt the suggestion of the Honourable M. Boucher de la Bruere, that the statistical part of the scheme be taken up by the Department of Agriculture, seeing that such a course is not open to objection on constitutional grounds.

Patriotism and the fostering thereof was, perhaps, one of the most important subjects discussed at the meeting; the paper (in French) of Professor Mognan of Montreal and that of Mr. Andrew Stevenson, late of the Woodstock C. I., on the Teaching of History being especially deserving of praise for their sanity as well as for their sentiments. The Association decided by a large majority in favour of that broad, generous and yet strong view of patriotism advocated by these two gentlemen, which, while cherishing national and social traditions, strives to recognize at all times the rights, language, and religion of our fellow-subjects no less than of foreign nations, and which while it teaches men to fight for their country, teaches them also that love of country consists as Professor Magnan, quoting Souvestre, in all the home ties and home duties, all the municipal, and all the national obligations rightly and faithfully discharged in times