

minutes of the previous Convention having been accepted as read, the President called upon Mr. George Howard, of Berthier Academy, to read the first paper, which was on the subject of "School Discipline." Mr. Howard pointed out that the most prominent question in the mind of the young teacher upon entering upon her work is not "Can I teach my pupils?" but "Shall I be able to govern my pupils?" As many of the pupils come from ill-governed homes, punishments as well as rewards will be found necessary in the management of schools. Disobedience must be punished or prevented. It can be prevented only by doing away with all laws, or by exercising very strict surveillance. These expedients would seriously interfere with the healthy moral development of the pupils. Teachers must exercise self-control. They should conceal their feelings and their suspicions. The pupils' estimate of each other should be noted. The different kinds of punishment were then taken up, and the advantages and disadvantages of corporal punishment and "keeping in" were discussed at considerable length.

Mr. Walton, of Waterloo, then read a very interesting paper upon "Play in connection with School work," in which he maintained that the physical education of children is being neglected, and urged the importance of out-door sports for growing boys and girls. Teachers should engage in the school games with their pupils, by so doing they will not only greatly benefit the physical health of their pupils, but they will also establish cordial and pleasant relations between their pupils and themselves.

A very interesting discussion took place upon these two papers in which Inspectors Hubbard, McLoughlin, Messrs. Holden, Curtis, Ferguson and Rev. Mr. Rexford took part.

Mr. Dixon, of the High School, Montreal, then read a very excellent paper on the Preparation of Lessons by the Teacher, which we hope to reproduce in a future number.

After a very full discussion of this paper by Mr. Masten and others, the first session came to a close.

SECOND SESSION.

The Convention continued its work at two o'clock, when the President appointed the following Committees:—Audit Committee: Messrs. Walton and Curtis. Committee on Resolutions: Drs. Robins and Harper, Inspectors Hubbard and McGregor,