

them the A B C of arithmetic. He dwelt upon the necessity of thoroughness in the elementary rules. The youngsters were much interested with the lesson. J. W. McCutcheon, head master of Hawkesbury public school, gave his method of conducting a dictation lesson. Mr. J. W. Hay, head master of L'Original public school, taught a fourth class a lesson in history, and showed his method of taking up the subject in systematic order. Mr. McCutcheon drilled a fourth class in parsing, showing some of the difficulties met with in conducting a lesson in this subject. Mr. D. Marshall, head master, model school, Vankleek Hill, taught a lesson in map geography, in which he led the pupils to find out for themselves many things relating to the physical features of countries. His aim was not to tell the pupils anything they could find out for themselves, but to lead them from the known to the unknown, by judicious questioning. Each of the lessons was fully discussed by the teachers present immediately after it had been taught. The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Saturday, at 9:30 a.m. The annual school concert came off at the town hall, Hawkesbury, on Friday evening. It was a success every way. More than \$70 were realized. On Saturday morning, Mr. J. A. Houston, B.A., head master high school, Hawkesbury, gave his method of commencing interest and per centage, with a class of beginners. He experimented with three pupils who had never studied the subject before, and by an oral lesson got them to solve mentally several questions in interest, without telling them anything or letting them know it was interest they were studying. He did the work by judicious questioning. Mr. E. B. Robinson, assistant master, high school, Hawkesbury, introduced the subject of drawing. As this subject is now obligatory for all classes in both high and public schools, considerable interest was manifested in the discussions which followed. After some discussion on the subject of uniform promotion examinations, it was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. McCutcheon, and resolved—That the county council be requested to grant a sum of money sufficient to pay the expense of printing papers for promotion examinations for the public schools of the united counties of Prescott and Russell, and in case the council refuse to grant the sum, that the same be taken from the funds of the association. The following are the officers of the association for the ensuing year: President, W. J. Summerly, I.P.S.; Vice-Presidents, J. A. Houston, and D. C. Little; Secretary-Treasurer, J. W. McCutcheon; Librarian, D. Marshall; Auditors, C. K. Gray, and J. H. May; Committee, Messrs. Kyle, Lefebure, Hay, and Misses Hyde, and Keough.

ONTARIO.—Held in the high school, Port Perry, May 25th and 26th. The attendance was large, and the proceedings were of great interest. In the absence of the president, Mr. G. H. Robinson, M.A., the chair was occupied during part of the morning session and the second day's meeting, by the vice-president, Mr. A. Rae, H. M., model school, Port Perry. A well written paper on "Bible in Schools" was read by D. McBride, M.A., H. M. Port Perry high school, and it elicited a very spirited discussion in which Messrs. McBrien, I.P.S., Spence, and Noble took part. A motion by Mr. Spence, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, that the programme be adhered to, was carried. Mr. Noble, principal of Uxbridge public school, took up Arithmetic as his subject, and advocated more mental work. His plans of teaching it were practical and judicious, but some ideas led to a smart discussion, participated in by Messrs. Spence, Bradshaw, Brown, and others. Mr. McBride moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Noble for his excellent address, which being seconded by the inspector, was carried unanimously. Mr. Robinson tendered his resignation as president in consequence of having left the profession. It was accepted, and subsequently he was elected honorary member of the association. On the motion of Mr. Spence, Messrs. J. Brown and Langdon were appointed auditors, and on the motion of Mr. McBride, Messrs. Brown and Rae were elected delegates to the provincial association. Dr. W. F. Eastwood, Zephyr, read a paper on Physiology and Hygiene, for which Mr. McBrien proposed the best thanks of the meeting, seconded by Mr. A. G. Henderson, and carried unanimously. Mrs. Swift sang "The Last Rose of Summer" very sweetly, accompanying herself on the organ. Mr. G. H. Robinson gave a lengthy address on "The Teacher's Literary Outfit," for which he received the thanks of the meeting. In the evening a large audience assembled in the town hall to hear Mr. James Hughes in his lecture on "School Room Humor." The chair was ably occupied by the county inspector, Mr. James McBrien. Continual laughter and bursts of applause testified the appreciation of the audience, and at the conclusion of the inimitable lecture a hearty vote of thanks was given to the talented gentleman, on the motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Sangster. *Second day*—Mr. McBrien in the chair, and subsequently Mr. Rae. Mr. Hughes showed how Drawing may be taught in public schools by a teacher not trained to be an artist; and at the request of the convention, gave some excellent hints on "School Discipline." The latter subject was discussed by Messrs. Noble, McBrien, and McMain, chiefly on modes of punishments. On the motion of Mr. McBrien, seconded by Mr. Spence, the best thanks of the association were unanimously accorded to Mr. Hughes for his very valuable assistance. A paper on Grammar was read by L. C. Smith, B.A., H.M., H.S., Oshawa, in which he strongly recommended less memorizing and more oral instruction. After the transaction of some routine business, the convention adjourned to meet next time in Port Perry at call of committee.

WEST LAMBTON.—A large number of teachers assembled in the model school, Sarnia, on Thursday and Friday 14th and 15th inst., to hold the regular half-yearly meeting of this association. The programme was opened by D. W. McQuosten reading as essay on "Writing." Mr. W. C. Carroll, B.A., next took up "Algebraic Factoring." In the discussions which followed, the views advanced were generally endorsed by the other teachers. Mr. A. A. Knight explained his method of teaching "Book-keeping" to a class, after which Walter Agnew exhibited his method of teaching "Decimals." Mr. A. A. Clapp gave an address on "Music;" Mr. Sheppard, on teaching "Composition;" Mr. Ward, on "How to Teach Drawing;" while the programme was closed by Mr. Wm. Harris, and several other teachers, discussing "Tact in the School-room."

EAST GREY.—The semi-annual meeting of the East Grey teachers' association, was held in the town hall, Meaford, on Thursday and Friday, 17th and 18th inst. Some fifty or sixty teachers were present. The programme was not as complete as usual, and consequently the meeting was not so interesting as the meetings that have been heretofore held. Mr. Watson, of the *Mirror*, read an essay on "Journalism." Mr. McKinnon gave a short address on "History," which led to some discussion. Mr. McMillan, of the *Monitor*, discussed "Political Economy." Mr. Ball introduced the subject of "Corporal Punishment," and his remarks led to a lengthy debate in which several teachers took part. Mr. Cameron read an essay on the "Teaching Profession," and Mr. H. De LaMatter a paper on "Elocution." The entertainment, consisting of music, readings, and recitations, on the evening of Thursday was a decided success.

PRINCE EDWARD.—A very interesting and successful convention of the teachers of Prince Edward county, was held May 25th and 26th, when many important subjects relative to the best methods of teaching were thoroughly discussed. An excellent essay was read by Miss Nina Conger on "Labor Necessary to Success." "Drawing" was introduced by Messrs. Goodwin and Murray; "Writing" by Messrs. Kinney and Faul; and the subject of "History" by R. Dobson, B.A. Some excellent map-sketching was shown on the blackboard by R. B. Mastin, and well-timed remarks were made by W. J. Osborne on the subject of "School Discipline and Routine." G. D. Platt, B.A., strongly urged the desirability of opening and closing our schools with reading a portion of scripture and prayer, also instructing the pupils in patriotism, properly keeping the general register, etc. In the evening Prof. Bell gave a selection of readings in the town hall to a large and appreciative audience.

NORFOLK.—The teachers of Norfolk held their half yearly meeting on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd ult. The minutes of last meeting having been read and adopted, Mr. T. W. Sampson, B.A., delivered an address well adapted to the present times, in which Classics are not held in the high estimation the advantage of their study demands. The subject of "Parsing and Analysis" was pleasingly elucidated by Mr. S. F. Passmore, M.A. Dr. Wadsworth read a paper on "Schools and School Trustees of California," which had been kindly sent by Mr. Jos. T. Carson of California. Mr. Horatio M. Courtlandt gave an account of the old style of education, which afforded permanent relief to those suffering from spasmodic "good old times" fever. Rev. A. Turnbull, B.A., delivered an instructive oration on "The Renaissance." The manner in which Dr. McLellan treated the subjects "Euclid," "The Teacher and his Work," and "Language and Language Lessons," impressed his hearers with many good thoughts which doubtless will produce good results, while his lecture on "National Education" was a master-piece of eloquence which instructed as well as entertained the attentive and appreciative audience.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON.—The semi-annual meeting of the Lennox and Addington teachers' association, was held in the model school building in Napanee, May 26th and 16th. A large number of teachers was in attendance. The presence of Inspector McIntosh, of North Hastings, and Professor Wright, M.A., of Belleville high school, added greatly to the interest of the meeting. After appointing officers for the ensuing year, discussions on "School Books" and "Uniform Promotion Examinations" followed. Inspector Macintosh gave an address on the teaching of "Arithmetic," and was followed by Mr. Fessenden, on the same subject. Mr. Chase read a carefully prepared paper on "English" which was discussed afterwards by Messrs. Burrows, Macintosh, Chase, and others. The proceedings at the public meeting in the evening were opened with an exhibition of Calisthenics by a class of girls, led by Miss Fraser, which delighted the audience and showed that the time spent in school in the drill is not uselessly wasted. Mr. Burrows read an admirable paper on "Compulsory Education" which was afterwards discussed by Messrs. Aylsworth, Bowerman, Macintosh, and Tisdale. After a lengthy discussion he association decided that in view of the increasing attention paid in our schools to English Composition, it is desirable that the text books placed in the hands of pupils be of as high a literary character as possible, and that they may be subject to careful revision in order to remove any errors they may contain.