

pline, Shakespeare in Schools; Historical Circumstances of the Play, "Henry V."; Course of Study in the Common and the High Schools respectively, School Text-books, How to Secure and Retain Order in the Class-room. On the evenings devoted to professional topics, much pleasure has been derived from what has been termed the "*Resumé*," which consisted of a short synopsis of recent transactions in the educational world. In addition to the number of those contributing papers, twenty-six members have aided in the programme, either by engaging in the discussions or in reading the play. The Association, at present, has a membership of ninety-nine persons, of whom three are honorary and ninety-six ordinary members—the latter including twenty-two gentlemen and seventy-four ladies. One resignation has been received during the past year, and fourteen ladies and two gentlemen have been elected members. The departure from this province of Dr. McGregor will remove from the ranks of the Association one who has been connected with it since its organization in 1862, and who has manifested at all times a kindly interest in its welfare. Dr. McGregor will carry with him to his distant home the good wishes of his friends and fellow-members of the Association. It is a subject for regret that throughout the past session the efforts of the Council have been seconded by, comparatively speaking, so few of the members, and in closing this report the earnest hope is expressed that a more pronounced *esprit de corps* and practical manifestation of sympathy will characterize the meetings of next year. This report is respectfully submitted by your Secretary.—MARY T. PEEBLES.

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THE BATTLE OF THE PLAINS.

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O Fate! what shadows flit within the pale
Of memory's maze, as seeming near, the wail
Of heroes' hopes, spent in the rage of war,
Brings echo from the past a-seeming far!
How pause we on the verge of living joy
To scan the mirth and woe of life's alloy
Writ red on history's page,—a tale ungrate
Of glory's prowess born of tribal hate!