

LENOX AND ADDINGTON—A meeting of this Association will be held in the Model School, Naperville, on Friday and Saturday, 6th and 7th May, commencing at 10 a.m. on Friday. The business of the Session will be:—Election of Officers. The discussion of the following subjects:—1. Methods of teaching Geography. Arithmetic to beginners. English in Public Schools, History and Reading; 2. School Management; 3. Hygiene; 4. Uniform Promotion Examinations; 5. Proposed changes in the law regarding the Superannuation of Teachers. J. M. Buchan, M. A., High School Inspector, will be present to take part in the discussions. The following persons will also assist:—Mrs. Pomeroy, Messrs. Feasenden, Martyn, Irwin, Howman and others. On Friday evening, Mr. Buchan will lecture in the Town Hall, subject, "Poetry and Politics." Teachers are requested to bring in specimens of their pupils' drawing and writing.

GEO. KIMMERLY, Sec. pro tem.

F. BURROWS, President.

EAST GREY—The next semi-annual meeting of the above Association will be held in Andrews' Hall, Thornbury, on Thursday and Friday, the 26th and 27th of May, 1881, commencing at 9 a.m. The following is the Programme:—Reading Minutes, School Law and Education, by the President, Natural Philosophy by D. Honeywell, the programmes in High and Public Schools, by H. DeLester; History by John Tait Superannuation by M. McKinnon, the three great powers, by Rev. A. T. Coulter, the Second Book, by W. J. Bingham; Music, by Geo. Henderson. Other subjects, such as the best method of teaching Grammar, Utility of Text Books, Teachers' Examinations, &c. &c., will be taken up by different members of the Association. All members of the Association are requested to attend, and the public are cordially invited. There will be an Entertainment on the evening of the first day, and assistance is respectfully solicited by Mr. Henderson, under whose management the Entertainment will be given. Admission, 10 cents.

A. GRIER, President.

J. FAREWELL, Secretary.

SOUTH GREY The Semi-Annual meeting of this Association will be held in Flesherston, on Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th May, 1881. Programme.—1. President's Address; 2. Rev. J. Somerville, Permanency of the Teacher's Work; 3. J. Tait, B.A., Natural Philosophy; 4. W. O. Conner, B.A., Natural Philosophy; 5. J. A. Grog, How to Secure Uniformity of Classification in the Schools of the County; 6. M. N. Armstrong, Theory vs. Practice in Teaching; 7. W. J. Galbraith, Geometry to Beginners; 8. R. D. Irving, Arithmetic to Beginners (class); 9. W. A. Jones, Teachers' encouragements and discouragements; 10. M. P. McMaster, Mistakes in Teaching Reading to Beginners; 11. N. W. Campbell, Grammatical Analysis and Parsing; 12. W. G. Allister, Geography to Juniors; 13. C. W. Morey, Geography, with class; 14. I. C. Buchan, How to teach Composition; 15. Election of Officers. Questions for Drawer to be sent as early as possible to M. N. Armstrong, Durham, or W. A. Jones, Yeoville. A suitable Entertainment will be provided for Thursday evening. "All Masters and Teachers shall regularly attend the Teachers' Institutes, at such times and under such regulations, as the Inspector shall direct."—Extract from Public School Regulations.

WM. FERGUSON, I.P.S., President.

J. C. BAIN, Secretary.

NORTH WELLINGTON—The Semi-Annual meeting of this Association will be held in Central School, Drayton, on Thursday and Friday 19th and 20th May, 1881. Programme.—1. President's Address; 2. Question Drawer Opened; 3. Appointment of Committees of Finance, Place of Meeting, and Election of Officers; 4. Roll Call; 5. How to Teach Grammar, S. H. Westervelt; 6. Reading from IV. Reader, Miss A. Doyle; 7. How to Teach Drawing T. A. Bellamy; 8. How to Teach Analysis to Beginners, R. E. Hamilton; 9. How to Teach English Literature to Beginners, D. E. Smith, B.A.; 10. Addition of Fractions, John Sinclair; 11. The Public School Course of Study, R. W. Bright; 12. Questioning, Philip H. Harper; 13. Deductions, and How to Work Them, Jas. McMurchie, B.A.; 14. Our Readers, David P. Clapp, B.A., P.S.I., Harriston; 15. Election of Officers; 16. Question Drawer closed; 17. Superannuation of Teachers; 18. How to Teach Geography, M. A. Ferguson; 19. Compulsory Education, H. Bailey; 20. Uniform Promotion Examination, A. B. Smith; 21. How to Secure and Retain Order, H. Bulmer; 22. Canadian History to III. Class, Jas. Copeland; 23. How to make School Attractive, H. Fuggan; 24. Treasurer's Statement; 25. Secretary's Report; 26. Etymology, A. S. Low, B.A.; 27. How to teach Writing, C. Howman. There will be an Entertainment in the evening, consisting of readings, music, and a discussion on the Teachers' Superannuation Fund. You will confer a favor on the officers if you bring the April number of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, which contains a scheme submitted by the Minister of Education to the officers of the Central Association. Read and study this Circular. During the first forenoon the Drayton teachers will be teaching and conducting the divisions of the Public Schools after their Time Tables. The first forenoon will be spent in visiting the school when it is in working order. The officers earnestly hope that the meeting may be really successful in every way. On account of the discussion which will take place on Superannuation scheme, every teacher should be present, and this meeting will be the most important yet held by us. Again you are asked to be punctual.

WM. McEACHERN, Secretary.

JOSEPH REID, B.A., President.

REVIEWS.

A SYSTEM OF DICTIONARY WORK FOR COMMON SCHOOLS. *Bloomington, Ill. - Maxwell & Co.* This is one of the most practical of the numerous works recently issued on the subject. It is simply amazing that teachers have so long been content to aim at securing purity of language merely in form, without seeming to care whether words were uttered distinctly or pronounced accurately or not. It is pleasing to note the increased interest awakened in regard to the subject, and we commend strongly this little work to the teachers of Canada. It contains an analysis of sounds, the principles of pronouncing, common errors of a fundamental character, and lists of words commonly mispronounced.

TEACHERS' HAND-BOOK—FIRST STEPS. *Syracuse: C. W. Bardeen & Co.* This is a new work for teachers by Professor Buckham, Principal of the State Normal School of Buffalo. Mr. Bardeen has published many aids for teachers, but he claims that this is the most valuable book of its kind he has issued. It is intended for the young men and women who are just entering the teaching profession, and it certainly has a suggestion or a warning that would help such a teacher in every emergency. Mr. Buck-

ham, in his preface, says that he "meant to take a short range and aim low." He has done so; but on the admitted principle that a good sermon preached for juniors is usually highly appreciated by adults, this work will be very useful to many who have long been engaged in teaching.

THE CANADIAN ACCOUNTANT. By S. G. Beatty and J. W. Johnson, Ontario Business College, Belleville, Ont. The fourth edition of this popular and exhaustive treatise on accounts and their collateral branches is before us. The work has been thoroughly revised and enlarged, and much valuable and practical matter has been added. It contains a complete elucidation of the science of accounts by the most practical methods, Business Forms, Commercial Calculations, Business Papers, and the principal laws that govern them, Commercial Correspondence, and, in fact, everything required in a complete reference work for the Counting House. Municipal accounts are thoroughly exemplified, and to the present edition has been added a model set of Farm Accounts, originally prepared by Mr. J. W. Johnson for the Royal Commission appointed to take evidence on agricultural matters, and recommended by it to the farmers of the Province. The whole work of this set is given, and it is so simplified that it may be readily taught to farmers' sons by any teacher acquainted with the rudiments of accounts. We heartily recommend the work to teachers as one of the most practical and comprehensive works on the subject of accounts published on the continent.

MAGAZINES.

Of the success of SCRIBNER'S in England, Mr. Jennings writes as follows to the New York World: "What I was going to tell you about was the wonderful way in which American magazines are getting on in London. Scribner's has had a very large sale here for some few years past, and its circulation must now be, I think, fully as great as that of any English magazine, and it would not surprise me to hear that it is greater. Its illustrations have made its way easy for it. A very distinguished wood-engraver once told me that no work done in England in his line now-a-days is worthy to be compared with what he saw every month in Scribner's. If I mentioned his name, there is no one on either side the Atlantic who would dispute his fitness to pronounce an opinion on such a subject. The rapid advance of Scribner's is easily accounted for, and is thoroughly well-deserved."

THE MUSICAL TIMES for March contains a description of Stanford's Grand Opera, as performed for the first time in Hanover. Its title is "The Velled Prophet of Khorassan." It abounds in striking scenes and rich musical passages, and has excited special interest because of its being the work of an English composer. The story of "Mr. Popsy the Musician" is continued, as well as sketches of "The great composers"—Berlioz this time—of considerable interest. An anthem called "O Saving Victim," of some merit, and a description of Ponchielli's opera, "The Prodigal Son," are also to be found in this interesting number.

Official Department.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE JULY EXAMINATIONS, 1881, FOR CERTIFICATES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

In accordance with the Statute and the General Regulations, the July Examination of Candidates, for the year 1881, will be held as follows:—

FOR FIRST CLASS (Grade C, Non-professional).—At the Normal School, TORONTO, on MONDAY, July 18th, at 2 p.m.

FOR INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION—At the County Towns and High Schools, on MONDAY, July 17th, at 2 p.m.

The Professional Examination for First Class Certificates will begin after the conclusion of the Non-professional Examination.

The Examination for First Class Certificates, Grades A and B, will begin after the conclusion of the Professional Examination.

It is indispensable that Candidates, whether from a County or a City, as the case may be, should notify the presiding County Inspector, not later than the 1st of June, of their intention to present themselves for examination. All notices to the Department of intending Candidates must be sent through the presiding County Inspector.

Forms of the notice to be given by each Candidate previously can be obtained on application to any County Inspector.

The presiding County Inspector will inform the Department, not later than the 2nd of June, of the number of Candidates in each Class. He will also send the names of the First Class and Intermediate Candidates in the form of Return provided, which he will receive from the Head Master of the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools in his County.

The Intermediate Examination Papers will be sent to the Presiding Inspector, who will be responsible for the conduct of the examinations according to the Regulations. The Presiding Inspector will, at the close of the examination on the last day, transmit to the Department the answers of the Intermediate Candidates. All parcels must be prepaid.

ADAM CROOKS,

Minister of Education.

Education Department, Toronto, March, 1881.