

the members of this Association give expression to the Council of Public Instruction of their opinion that a law should be passed rendering compulsory the attendance of our youth at the Public Schools so generously provided for them, for at least one half of the regular school year."

The Teachers' Association of King's and Hants' counties held its third annual meeting in Windsor, on Thursday and Friday, September 15th and 16th. Seventy teachers were in attendance, most of whom enrolled as members. The officers appointed for next year are:—Conlin W. Roscoe, Inspector of Schools, President (*ex officio*); John F. Godfrey, Principal Windsor High School, Vice-President; Geo. J. Miller, Principal Kentville High School, Secretary-Treasurer; W. P. Shaffner and Miss Carrie Parsons, of Wolfville School, Mrs. B. Chandler, Windsor, and H. S. Jacques, Berwick, Managing Committee. Inspector Roscoe expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet so many of the teachers of his district at the association. He said he was requested by Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, to assure the teachers of his deep interest in the objects and aims of their society, and his regret at not being able to be present. He (the president) would not occupy the valuable time of the association by any preliminary remarks at this stage, but invite all present to participate freely in discussing the various topics outlined on the programme. Mr. A. D. Foster read a paper on "Spelling," in which he recommended a combination of oral and written spelling, as producing the best results. Words should be grouped in families, and special attention given to similar terminations, &c. This subject was spoken to by Messrs. Saunders, Pinceo, Craig, Mrs. Chandler, and the President, who, while agreeing in the main with the paper, added valuable suggestions from their own experience. A. J. Pinceo, B.A., Principal of Hants Border School, gave a paper on "Science in Schools," in which he strongly advocated the more general introduction of the physical sciences into school work. In giving reasons for taking this position, he showed the bearing of the subject upon the actual pursuits of life; their value in drawing out and developing the mind, by teaching the student to observe and think for himself; and the pleasure to be derived from the reverent study of the works of the Divine Architect. He showed the necessity of teachers seeking a preparation for this work, and suggested as an aid in the attainment of that object and as a means of encouraging the popular study of the sciences, the formation of a society. The idea was favorably received by the association, and a committee appointed to consider the matter and prepare a plan for the organizing and conducting of such a society. The Committee reported at a subsequent session, and the following resolution was adopted, viz:—*"Whereas the study of the natural sciences tends directly to promote the comfort, well being, and happiness of those engaged in it, and, indirectly, of society in general; And whereas, in the opinion of this association, the more general introduction of this study into the common schools could not fail to be productive of the best results; And whereas, it is also the opinion of this association that the formation of a society, having for its object increased proficiency in the department of science on the part of the teacher and the awakening of a more general interest in, and diffusion of scientific knowledge, would be a laudable and effective means of reaching that end: Therefore Resolved, that this association lend its hearty co-operation in the work of forming and sustaining such a society; and further Resolved, that a committee be appointed to confer with the leading educationists and specialists in the several departments of science, asking their co-operation in forming such a society."* Inspector Roscoe, A. J. Pinceo, B.A., Principal Hants Border School, and J. F. Godfrey, Esq., Principal Windsor High School, were appointed as such committee. A paper was then read by Miss Rachel De Wolfe, of Windsor School, on the "Phonic and Sight Methods of Teaching Reading." She gave a lesson to a class of her own pupils, illustrating the principles advocated in the paper. Both the paper and the lesson were excellent. Miss S. E. Cohoon contributed a paper on "How to Teach Geography." She emphasized *Map drawing* as essential to thoroughness in this study. Wall maps might in a large measure be dispensed with. Considerable discussion followed this paper in which many good ideas were exchanged. A public educational meeting was held in Temperance Hall on Thursday evening. Pres. Roscoe said he regretted the absence of Dr. Sawyer, of Acadia College, and Rev. J. B. Logan, whom he had expected to address the meeting. He briefly reviewed the formation of the Association and the work it was aiming to perform. It represented a district in which were laboring over two hundred teachers, in whose charge were ten thousand children. These were to be instructed and trained

to be useful citizens. The work was immense; and the results, incalculable. Mr. J. F. Godfrey read his paper, "Should Latin be generally taught in the Public Schools?" He was followed by Mr. A. J. Pinceo with a paper, previously read to the association, on 'Science.' Rev. E. M. Kierstead, M.A., addressed the meeting at some length. He dwelt, in a forcible and impressive manner, upon the necessity of true character in the teacher. The address was admirable, and listened to with marked attention. Edgar De Wolfe, Esq., Judge of Probate, followed in a short speech, in which he strongly favored compulsory education; and considered bad government at home was the primary cause of bad conduct in school. Friday morning's session opened with a discussion of Mr. Godfrey's paper. Almost all the teachers agreed with Mr. G. in the importance of teaching Latin, but did not see how time could be spared for it in miscellaneous schools without detriment to the many elementary branches which a teacher is expected to teach. The writer was highly complimented for his paper. Mrs. B. Chandler gave a paper on "Botany," and explained her method of teaching beginners. Mrs. C. exhibited to the meeting a book prepared by her pupils, containing specimens of leaves, etc., and a chart of a variety of plants, drawn by herself, for use in teaching this subject. By vote of the Association, she was requested to furnish her paper for publication in the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. Mr. W. W. Saunders, Principal of Hantsport School, read a paper on "How to treat Backward Pupils." He gave his own experience in this matter, and presented many valuable hints to younger teachers. The last paper read was by Miss A. Burgoyne, of Windsor School, on "Drawing," Walter Smith's System. The paper was to the point and excellent. She illustrated her plan of teaching to a large class of her own pupils; the pupils all drawing simultaneously and executing rapidly some very fine and really difficult pieces. The lesson was very interesting, and made a strong impression in favor of linear drawing.

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The fifth Convention of the Manitoba Teachers' Association, which was largely attended, has just closed. The following are the officers for the ensuing year, viz:—The Rev. W. C. Pinkham, President; J. H. Stewart, Esq., First Vice-President; Miss S. Wright, Second Vice-President; W. A. McIntyre, Esq., Secretary; Miss Maggie Eyres, Treasurer; Miss McEwen and Messrs. J. B. Ferguson, N. Hewitt, J. D. Hunt, and E. A. Ganalt, Councillors. Papers were read by J. H. Stewart, Inspector of City Schools; J. B. Adams, Cook's Creek; N. Hewitt, St. Paul's; and Stewart Mulvey, Chairman of the City School Trustees. The discussions upon the papers were eminently pointed and practical. Mr. Stewart, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a system of uniform promotion examinations, presented a report, which was taken up clause by clause. After a number of the clauses had been discussed, the report was, on motion, referred back to the Committee, with the request that they report again at the next meeting. It was resolved, "That the publishers of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL be asked for quotations for fifty or one hundred copies of their journal, and that the Secretary notify the members and teachers through the press what subscription sum would entitle them to the JOURNAL for one year, as well as all the privileges of the Association. Mr. Stewart Mulvey was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association.

At a special meeting of the Protestant Section of the Board of Education, held recently, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz: "That the Superintendent (the Rev. W. C. Pinkham, B.D.) be hereby empowered to proceed as soon as possible to the Eastern Provinces, for the purpose of visiting some of the principal Normal, Model, and High Schools of the Dominion, and on his return to report to this Board upon a system of training schools for teachers, and of High Schools, for the Province of Manitoba."

The following gentlemen have been appointed Inspectors, viz:—J. H. Stewart, Esq., Inspector of City Schools, for the schools in the County of Selkirk on the west side of the Red River; S. H. Stewart, Esq., Birtle, for the schools at Brandon, Rapid City, Eden, &c., &c.; Rev. R. Young, B.A., St. Andrew's, for the schools in the municipalities of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's; Rev. A. Campbell, B.A., Rockwood, for the schools in the municipality of Rockwood.