

TEACHERS IN CONCLAVE.

ADDRESSES BY PRINCIPAL McCABE AND O. W. ROSA, M.P.

The Schoolmaster Abroad—How to Make Teachers' Associations More Effective in Their Activities and School Matters.

The different sections of the Ontario Teachers Association assembled yesterday forenoon in the education department. In the public school teachers section the secretary read a paper by R. Lewis (who was unable to attend) on "Christmas and midsummer shows," which was well received. After discussion the following motions were passed—That in the opinion of this section, a teacher has obtained any class or certificate, five years of successful teaching from the time of obtaining his certificate should entitle him to have his certificate raised one grade; and on a further service of three years' successful teaching be entitled to have his certificate raised another grade, but every teacher must have passed from class to class by examination.

That oral examinations on P. E. days are a benefit in our public schools, but that they should not be a part of the nature of the examinations, which have no educative value, and should not be counted to the work given over during the term.

In the high school section the following motion was passed: "Resolved, That this high school section call the attention of the minister of education to the fact that the intermediate is generally concurrent with the pass and honor examinations of Toronto university (junior matriculation), and women's board examinations, and in the opinion of this section that it would be better otherwise, as there are a great many high school students who wish to try the examinations."

The convention opened at 2 p. m. with the president, Mr. MacMurchy, in the chair. There was a good attendance of ladies.

Mr. Rosa, M. P., delivered an instructive address on "How to make teachers' associations more useful." A more lengthy session should be substituted for the present short session. There should be a long session held annually instead of the short semi-annual conventions. The advantages of such a move would be that the teachers would have less annoyances incident to the obtaining of the unwilling consent of trustees and the abrupt stoppage of work to get away to a meeting. At a long session the teachers could interchange their views on matters pertaining to their particular work. The next point would be the preparation of a practical and comprehensive program to be carried out during the convention. The program should contain other subjects than that of teaching. There could be every and other subjects to relieve the minds of teachers. There should be no failure in the carrying out of each part of the program, and teachers and others should have sufficient time to prepare their papers. He believed in compulsory attendance at these conventions on the part of teachers. [Hear, hear.] The school act may be amended in such a way as to give the inspector power to fine a teacher \$5, (or whatever may be decided upon) for each time he absents himself from the convention. He thought it was proper that an official conductor should be appointed to attend the teachers' convention. They had then in the United States and the plan worked well. A motion was unanimously passed thanking Mr. Rosa for his address.

A good deal of discussion followed in which Messrs. Ferguson, Monroe, Johnson, MacIntosh, McKinnon and Smith took part, after which a committee consisting of Messrs. Coates, Rosa, McKinnon, Hodgins and Grant were struck to consider Mr. Rosa's paper.

Drill in Music. The next interesting subject was that of "Drill in Music," in which twenty-four children from the orphan's home took part, under the supervision of Mrs. J. H. Richer. They were drilled in writing, reading and sounding the notes of music, after which they sang several selections in a different movement of the body were introduced. The children—the oldest was not more than nine years of age—did credit to themselves as well as their teacher, Mrs. Richer. Their knowledge of music was astonishing. A vote of thanks was tendered to both pupils and teacher for their attendance.

Evening Session. The president called the convention to order at 8 p. m., when a number of delegates reported as to the standing of their county associations.

Principal McCabe of the Normal school delivered an interesting address on "The Schoolmaster Abroad." Lord Brougham in one of his speeches says: "Let the soldier be abroad if he will, he can do nothing in this age. There is another person who is abroad, the schoolmaster. He is abroad and I mean to him to do more with his primer than the soldier with all his army." [Applause.] He traced some of the work the schoolmaster had accomplished. The proper situation in the culture and development of the whole man; the culture and development of all the parts of the human being, physical, intellectual and moral powers. He is taught the cultivation of the senses and a desire for knowledge and he must be taught the proper way of acquiring it. The first powers are the powers of observation, and with this the memory comes in and then the reasoning faculties. One of the means of the development of the mind are text-books. He defined a text-book as if it were a reservoir, often very shallow and often a very muddy one. It is one from which the teacher can take notes occasionally and the pupil can do so, but the great knowledge of the world lies outside of text-books. He quoted several authors on the subject of educating the child.

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RACING AT LONG BEACH. MONMOUTH PARK, Aug. 9.—First race, Battledore 1st, Constant 2nd; time 1:20. Second race, champion stakes \$4,000 one and one-half miles, Bold blowing his horn, 3d; time 2:43. Third race, one and a quarter miles, Duplex won, Miss Lantry 2d, Barney Lyon 3d; time 2:20. Fourth race, one and one-half miles, Marathon won, Sweet Home 2d, Aella 3d; time 2:04. Fifth race, three miles, Strathguy won, Queen 2d, Sir Hugh 3d; time 1:38. Steeple chase, full course, Flora F. 5, 7, 7, 7; time 2:24, 2:24, 2:24, 2:24.

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