

## PREFACE.

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THE Third Meeting\* of the Dominion Educational Association was held in Halifax, N. S., August 2-5, 1898.

The attendance was exceptionally large, every province of the Dominion being represented.

The public meetings, held in the Academy of Music were crowded to excess. The largest rooms in Dalhousie College, (kindly placed at the disposal of the Association by President Forrest), proved to be much too small for the accommodation of those who wished to hear the papers in the various sections.

The Addresses and Papers cover a wide range of educational topics. For ability, originality and profound knowledge of educational theory and practice they will not only compare favorably with those of former Conventions of this Association but with the best of the larger Conventions of the United States.

The delay in issuing this Report was caused by the fact that the majority of the writers provided but one copy of their papers. For the purpose of making abstracts of them they were lent to the newspaper reporters who sometimes failed to return them promptly. Two of the most valuable papers were thus lost entirely and could not be re-written.

It also happened that in the cases in which proof-sheets were sent to the authors of papers they were sometimes retained for several days, and even for weeks.

To prevent similar delay hereafter the writer of a paper should supply the Secretary with three copies—type-written if convenient, and the Secretary should be allowed to correct the proof-sheets.

THE SECRETARY.

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\*The second meeting of the Dominion Educational Association was held in Toronto 16-18 April, 1895, in connection with the thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Educational Association.