

on suggestions made to the president by members at the beginning of the season; and to judge from the increased attendance and general expressions of interest, it appeared to give pleasure and satisfaction. The ordinary meetings were held monthly from Oct., '88, to April, '89, seven in all. It was deemed advisable to try the experiment of holding afternoon meetings, which was accordingly done twice, but the innovation did not meet with the general patronage of the members. At all the meetings, both council and ordinary, the President, Mr. A. W. Kneeland presided, and at the one in October, commenced the work of the association by giving an able address on "The Teacher's Training of the Child."

In November and March the programme took the form of debate on the following: I. That Home-Work as customarily assigned is objectionable, and II. That the Teacher has more influence in the community than the clergyman.

The subject, Object Lessons, was discussed at the January meeting.

A Resumé of recent educational events, formed part of the programme on three different occasions, and it must be admitted that much pleasure and profit have been derived thereby. It may be of interest to state here that the work for these meetings, either to take part in the debates or to contribute papers, has been prepared by eleven members and two non-members.

In the months of December, February and April, lectures were delivered before the Association in the following order: by Dean Carmichael on Sleeping and Dreaming, by Dr. Clarke Murray on Somnambulism, and by Mr. S. E. Dawson on Tennyson, and the members have just cause for congratulation in having had such literary treats provided for them. At these meetings, music and readings were rendered, and it is the desire of the Association to convey its warmest thanks to those ladies and gentlemen, who have contributed, by their talents and time, so much instruction and pleasure. The thanks of the Association are also due and hereby tendered to the Protestant Board of School Committee and to Messrs. Willis & Co. for the use of a piano on these evenings.

Numerically your Association has increased during the past year, thirteen members have been elected and two resignations received. The membership, at present, is as follows: three honorary members and ninety-seven ordinary, the latter including seventy-one ladies and twenty-six gentlemen. Total number, one hundred. At the Annual Meeting, last May, a revised edition of the Constitution and By-laws of the Association was adopted, and was duly printed and circulated among the members. By it the students of the McGill Normal School become Associate Members on registration, and it gives the association much pleasure to recognize them as such and to extend them a warm welcome to the meetings.

This report is submitted with all respect by your Secretary,

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