

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

CHRONICLE OF THE MONTH.

NORTHUMBERLAND TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The regular semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in Cobourg, on Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th of October, Mr. D. C. McHenry, M.A., presiding.

At the preliminary session the sum of \$30 was voted to supplement the subscription of members for the *School Journal* and the *CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY*. A discussion ensued as to whether the County Associations throughout the Province are, after all, rendering the best possible results to the profession in return for the great expense necessarily incurred in their management. A resolution was unanimously adopted instructing the Secretary to correspond with the Secretaries of other Associations, requesting them to unite with us in memorializing the Honourable the Minister of Education on the matter of securing the services of some competent person to conduct Teachers' Institutes throughout the country, to take the place of the present Associations. The following subjects were discussed:—"English Grammar: The Verb,"—G. E. R. Wilson; "How to Conduct a Recitation,"—D. E. Stephenson; "Use and Abuse of Text-Books in Teaching,"—D. I. Johnston; "Elementary Physiology,"—R. K. Orr, B.A.; "Question Drawer,"—Messrs. Orr, Ellis, and Ash; "Uniform Promotion Examinations,"—Inspectors Tilly and Scarlett. The addresses and the discussions on these subjects were of the usually interesting character.

The following were elected officers for 1882:—President, G. Dowler; Vice-President, J. E. Flewelling; Secretary and Treasurer, D. E. Stephenson; Management Committee, Messrs. Scarlett, I.P.S., Hey-

ward, and Ellis, B.A., B.Sc.; Auditors, Messrs. Ellis and Black.

An extremely interesting and instructive lecture was delivered on Thursday evening by the Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., President of Victoria University; subject, "Mistakes in Education." The next meeting will be held in Brighton early in May, 1882.

NORTH HASTINGS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The semi-annual meeting of the North Hastings Teachers' Association was held at Madoc, October 6th and 7th. The usual routine business was disposed of, and a motion to purchase a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Provincial Association, to supply each paying member with a copy, was carried. The Treasurer was instructed to publish a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the promotion examinations. A short discussion took place on how to improve those examinations, and examiners were appointed for the Christmas examination.

The following subjects were discussed during the Convention: Reading to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th classes; Grammar; and Canadian History, introduced by Mr. J. H. Smith, I.P.S., Hamilton and Wentworth, to whose assistance much of the success of the convention is due; English History, introduced by Mr. Kirk, Principal M. S., Madoc; The Railroad System of Ontario, by Mr. Rowe, Marmora; Writing, for the discussion of which the Association was fortunate enough to obtain the services of Mr. Robinson, Commercial College, Belleville; Spelling, introduced by Mr. Mackintosh, I.P.S., N. Hastings, who also delivered an address to teachers.