

at the Court House, Kingston, on Thursday, June 13th, at 11 a.m., Prof. Dupuis, Queen's College, President, in the chair; on account of the small attendance, an adjournment took place till the afternoon, at 1:30 p.m.

In the afternoon, the first subject taken up was Spelling and Dictation, introduced by Mr. McIntyre, Principal P. S., Cataraqui. Mr. D. Robb, of Pittsburg, then read a paper on Geometry, illustrating a preparatory course before taking up Euclid. Mr. Robb illustrated his paper by means of prepared cardboard diagrams, showing how the principal propositions of the First Book may be proved to ocular demonstration. Dr. Palmer, of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, was then introduced, and, after a few remarks, proceeded to give an exhibition with some of his pupils, much to the admiration of those present. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the doctor at the close. Prof. Macoun, of Belleville, then gave a highly interesting address on the Geography of the North-West.

In the evening, Prof. Macoun gave a Public Lecture on "The North-West of our Dominion." The audience, though small, was appreciative, and tendered Prof. Macoun a hearty vote of thanks.

On Friday, the 14th, Mr. Wood, Wellington St. School, Kingston, read a paper on Reading—a subject, as the Essayist remarked, sadly neglected in our Public Schools.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year then took place, resulting as follows: Prof. Dupuis, re-elected President; Dr. Agnew, I. P. S., Vice-President; and Mr. J. W. Henstridge, Secretary-Treasurer. The subject of Penmanship was then introduced by Mr. Henstridge, Portsmouth P. S.; after which, Irregular Attendance was brought up by Mr. Raymore, No. 2, Kingston, and discussed; but no practical remedy was suggested for this crying evil.

In the afternoon, Mr. S. Woods, M.A., Kingston, gave an address on teaching grammar to beginners. Afterwards, Mr. W. offered to answer, to the best of his ability, any question in grammar that might be proposed to him; and, for upwards of an hour, he continued to solve knotty questions in Analysis and Parsing in a manner which showed him to be a perfect master of the science. This exercise was highly appreciated by those present. Prof. Macoun then gave an address on Botany in his best style, and was tendered a vote of thanks at the close.

LANARK.—The Teachers' Institute under the auspices of the County of Lanark Teachers' Association on the 31st May and 1st June was very successful. The Institute met in the Convocation Hall of the High School, about one hundred teachers being present during the greater part of the proceedings. The officers elected for the current year are as follows:—Pres., Mr. H. L. Slack; Vice-Pres., Mr. P. C. McGregor; Secy.-Treas., Mr. Jas. H. Stewart; committee of management, Miss Horsburg, and Messrs. Raine, Orr, Hannah, and Robertson.

Mr. Slack delivered an admirable inaugural address. He urged his teachers to do more than merely cultivate the minds of their pupils. Their *tastes, manners, and morals* should receive constant attention in the schoolroom. He also strongly recommended more attention to *Drill*. Much has been done in this respect by many teachers, but there are yet many schools whose general tone and discipline could be greatly improved by attention to this part of education.

J. M. Buchan, M.A., High School Inspector, gave an address on "The Teaching of English." He showed that through attending too much to minute distinctions there was a danger of overlooking great beauties of construction and sentiment. He pointed out that grammar resembles the physical sciences in regard to two great methods of enquiry—those of experiment and observation. He advised his listeners not to follow too closely the laws of grammar, since they are not arbitrary. He recommended attention to historical grammar, as an important agent in enlarging the student's view of language.

Mr. Raine read a paper on "Hindrances to our Educational Progress." In the evening a platform meeting was held in the Town Hall, when addresses on educational topics were delivered by Messrs. Bigg, I.P.S., Brockville; Buchan, High School Inspector; Glashan I.P.S., Ottawa; and the Rev. J. M. May, I.P.S., Carlton.

On Friday, Mr. Bigg lectured on Elementary Statics, Mr. Glashan gave an address on Teaching Arithmetic to Junior Classes, and Mr. Clarkson, H. M. Model School, Brockville, read an excellent paper on Mathematical Training, and gave a Blackboard Exercise in Algebra.

Mr. Slack spoke favorably of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, and urgently advised every teacher to become a subscriber, and also to secure a subscription from the trustees.

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Perth, July 1st, 1878.

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H. L. SLACK,

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Yours respectfully,

WM. W. ANDERSON,

Santa Cruz, Cal., June 11th, 1878.

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