

The selection of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up, and resulted in the election of H. Squier, Esq., Brighton, President; J. B. Dixon, Esq., Colborne, Vice-President; Mr. G. Young, Cobourg, 2d. Vice-President; Mr. C. Underhill, Colborne, Secretary; Mr. R. Easton, Colborne, Treasurer; Messrs. E. C. Ewing, J. S. Spafford, W. J. Black, J. C. Gorman, N. H. Peterson, J. Bell, J. Macoun and E. R. Young, Executive Committee.

Mr. C. Underhill called attention to the P. S. in the publication of the last Convention, which charged him, as Secretary, with carelessness.

Moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. G. Young, That in consideration of the explanations given, Mr. Underhill be exonerated from all blame in the matter.

Mr. G. Young read an essay on "Decision of Character."

Thanks, with a request for the publication of the essay, was tendered to the essayist.

Moved by Mr. Scarlett, seconded by Mr. Macoun, That the next meeting of this Convention be held in Brighton. Carried.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Ewing, That the hearty thanks of this Convention is justly due and is hereby cordially tendered to the inhabitants of Colborne and vicinity, for the very hospitable manner in which they have provided for our accommodation and comfort during the present session of this Convention. Carried.

#### EVENING SESSION.

President in the Chair.

J. B. Dixon, Esq., read a very excellent lecture on "Education."

A vote of thanks was tendered the essayist, with a request for its publication.

Miss Irish read an essay on "Female Education."

Thanks, with a request for its publication, was tendered to the fair essayist.

It was moved that the President do now vacate the Chair, and that Mr. Dixon occupy the same.

Mr. G. Young moved that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Mr. J. M. Grover, Esq., our esteemed and worthy President, for his zeal in the cause of education, and his able conduct in the Chair during the several sessions of this Convention.

The motion was responded to by a rising vote.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by J. B. Dixon, Esq., that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to J. P. Powers, Esq.

M. D., second Vice President, for the ability with which he discharged his duty in the Chair. Responded to, also, by a rising vote.

Mr. McMillan moved, seconded by Mr. Ewing, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. G. Young, Secretary. Carried.

The thanks of the Convention were also tendered to C. Underhill, Esq., Treasurer, the Executive Committee, and the ladies, for their attendance.

Mr. E. R. Young proposed that we close by singing the National Anthem, which was heartily joined in by the dense assembly.

Thus ended, amid feelings the most cordial and pleasing, a second of the most interesting and important meetings ever assembled in the County of Northumberland.

G. YOUNG, Sec'y.

#### CONSTITUTION, AS AMENDED.

*Article 1.* This Association shall be known as the Teachers' Association for the County of Northumberland, and be composed of those teachers, school officers, and friends of education who shall conform to this Constitution and the by-laws for which it provides.

*Art. 2.* The object of this association shall be the mutual improvement of its members, by lectures, essays, and discussions upon the various topics connected with the educational interests of our county.

*Art. 3.* The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee of nine, who together shall complete an Executive Board, all of whom shall be elected annually, five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

*Art. 4.* It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association or Executive Board; in his absence the Vice Presidents in order of seniority; and in the event of their absence, the Association or Board shall have the power to appoint a Chairman *pro tem*.

*Art. 5.* The duties of the Treasurer shall be to take charge of all monies belonging to the Association, and to hold such subject to the order of the Association or Executive Board, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and to report the state of the funds in his hands when required by the Association or Executive Board.

*Art. 6.* The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, conduct the correspondence, and discharge such other duties pertaining to his office as may be required of him.

*Art. 7.* The duties of the Executive Board shall be, to make all necessary arrangements for the holding the future meetings of the Association; to procure lecturers on general subjects; to prepare and submit to the Association for its approval such by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary for the proper management and future government of

the Association; and also to perform all other business unprovided for by this Constitution and the by-laws thereunto authorized.

*Art. 8.* This Association shall hold its annual meeting in August of each year, commencing on the first Monday in the month.

#### BY-LAWS.

1st. Any person wishing to become a member of this Association may do so by signing the Constitution, and paying into the treasury annually seventy-five cents—if the applicant be a gentleman, and twenty-five cents if a lady.

2d. No individual will be entitled to the consideration of the Stationing Committee until By-law No. 1 be complied with, and he agree to attend the sessions of the Convention till its close.

3d. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to meet on the last Saturday in May, at the hour of one o'clock, in the place appointed to hold the next Convention, and appoint the following committees: *first*, a Lecture Committee; *second*, a Stationing Committee; *third*, a Finance Committee.

#### AIR POISON.

People have often said that no difference can be detected in the analysis of pure and impure air. This is one of the vulgar errors difficult to dislodge from the public brain. The fact is, that the condensed air of a crowded room gives a deposit which, if allowed to remain for a few days, forms a solid, thick, glutinous mass, having a strong odor of animal matter. If examined by the microscope, it is seen to undergo a remarkable change. First of all, it is converted into a vegetable growth, and this is followed by the production of multitudes of animalcules; a decisive proof that it must contain organic matter, otherwise it could not nourish organic beings. This was the result arrived at by Dr. Angus Smith, in his beautiful experiments on the air and water of towns, where he showed how the lungs and skin gave out organic matter, which is in itself a deadly poison, producing headache, sickness, disease, or epidemic, according to its strength.

Why, if "a few drops of the liquid matter, obtained by the condensation of the air of a foul locality, introduced into the vein of a dog, can produce death with the usual phenomena of typhus fever," what incalculable evil must it not produce on those human beings who breathe it again and again, rendered fouler and less capable of sustaining life with every breath drawn? Such contamination of the air, and consequent hot-bed of fever and epidemic, it is easily within the power of man to remove. Ventilation and cleanliness will do all, so far as the abolition of this evil goes, and ventilation and cleanliness are not miracles to be prayed for, but certain results of common obedience to the laws of God.—*Household Words.*