

clear that you have in no sense allowed yourself to lose sight of the all important interests of our primary schools and of primary education.

It is very noticeable, ladies and gentlemen, that the President this year of the N. E. Association (U.S.) Dr. Elliot, is the distinguished head of Harvard University, and it has been a matter of frequent comment by prominent educationists across the line that the programme framed for the annual meeting to be held in Boston this summer accentuates most definitely in the first place the importance of the work of the public school, and in the second place the unity of interest between primary and secondary schools the world over.

My second word is to express my appreciation of the very interesting address of Dr. Gordon, President of Queen's University, to which we have all listened with great pleasure.

It is a good omen, Mr. Chairman, to find our College presidents, men like Dr. Elliot of Harvard, and Dr. Gordon of Queen's, in attendance at meetings such as this, and taking an active part in the proceedings.

The very fact also that these meetings are being held in the lecture rooms of the Provincial University is in itself significant, pointing plainly as it does to that community of interest which exists between the Public School and the University, linked together as they are by the High Schools of the province. I notice that your discussions concern matters of closest interest to each of these three links of our system.

To emphasize and clearly appreciate the important work of this association, all that is needed is to read over the titles of the different sections or sub-departments. Every part, almost, of the wide field of educational work is covered, every department of learning embraced, and almost every problem with which