

afterwards tried it in his school, and it has proved a perfect success. Mr. Duncan proposed that the thanks of the Convention be given to Mr. Hughes for his very useful and instructive address; seconded by Rev. Mr. McKee, and carried unanimously. In the evening a very able address was given by Dr. Workman, of Toronto, on "The Morbid Results of Persistent Overwork." To summarize this address would be to spoil it, as all through it was intensely interesting, and most valuable in its ideas and suggestions. *Third Day.*—The sections met at 9 a.m. The general business of the High School Section is summarized in our editorial department. The first business before the Public School Section was the report of Committee on over supply of teachers, which was to the effect that, teachers should have their certificates raised according to their practical success in teaching. The following officers were then elected:—Chairman—Mr. Lewis; Secretary—Mr. Ramme, re-elected; Members of the General Committee—Messrs. Campbell, McAllister, Alexander, and Colles; from the Inspectors' Section, Mr. Mackintosh; Members of the Legislative Committee—Messrs. McAllister, Doan, and Spence, re-elected. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers. Mr. J. Duncan, Windsor, then read a paper on "Model Schools, and Model School Work," which will appear in a future number of the JOURNAL. In the P. S. Inspectors' Section, the officers were elected as follows: Chairman—J. S. Carson, Strathroy; Secretary—D. A. Maxwell, Amherstburg; Directors—J. L. Hughes, Toronto; J. Dearness, London; D. Fotheringham, Aurora; E. Scarlett, Cobourg; Legislative Committee—J. L. Hughes, Toronto; J. S. Carson, Strathroy; D. Fotheringham, Aurora. The following resolution was passed:—"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Section the professional training of first and second-class teachers is quite defective, and the attention of the Hon. the Minister of Education is respectfully directed to the necessity of a thorough investigation into the character of the lectures delivered in the Normal Schools, and into the method of teaching practised in the Model Schools." Mr. Dearness introduced the subject "A Day's Work in School." A general and profitable discussion ensued on the subject, and the meeting adjourned. At 2 p.m. the Convention resumed, and the officers for the ensuing year, nominated by the Board of Directors, were declared duly elected, namely: President—Mr. A. McMurchy. Vice-Presidents—Messrs. J. S. Carson, D. C. McHenry, and R. Lewis; Recording Secretary—Mr. R. W. Doan; Corresponding Secretary—Mr. A. Purslow; Treasurer—Mr. F. S. Spence. The report of the Auditors, testifying to the extreme accuracy of the Treasurer's books, was read and adopted. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—Moved by Mr. J. L. Hughes, according to notice previously given, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, "That, in the opinion of this Association, the minimum age for admission to Public Schools should be increased from five to seven years, or, if this change be not made, that students at the Normal Schools should receive training in the principles and practice of Kindergarten work." Moved by Mr. J. L. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. S. McGregor, "That, in the opinion of this Association, the 29th clause of the Amended School Act of 1879 should be rescinded, or so amended as to place no restrictions on School Boards in providing additional school accommodation where the existing accommodation is insufficient." A resolution, moved by Mr. R. W. Doan, providing for the paying of the Director's travelling expenses was also passed. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of Rev. Dr. Wilson, his paper on "Religious Instruction in Public Schools," was read by Mr. J. M. Buchan, M.A., H.S.I., and at its conclusion, Mr. A. McMurchy moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Wilson, for his able paper, which was seconded in eloquent language by Mr. Lewis, and carried unanimously. A cordial vote of thanks was also tendered to Mr. Buchan, for his admirable reading of Dr. Wilson's paper. The Committee on Hygiene presented a report to the following effect, which was adopted. First, that the Hon. the Minister of Education be requested to issue to the school sections circulars setting forth the best modes of ventilation, etc., with a view to making it obligatory on the part of trustees when building school-houses to arrange the hygiene, second, that a committee be appointed to consider the best methods of experimental education. Mr. S. S. Herner, President of the Waterloo Co. Association, read an exhaustive paper on "Uniformity of Text Books," which was well received. In the evening, Dr. S. P. Robins, of Montreal, delivered a splendid lecture on "The Relation of the Will to the Intellect," and at its close received the hearty thanks of the Association. On motion, the name of the body was altered to "The Ontario Teachers' Association." Resolutions of thanks were passed to the Toronto daily press, and to the passenger agents of the various rail ways; also to the Minister of Education for allowing the Association the use of the beautiful Hall of the Education Department, after which the Association was closed by singing the National Anthem.

#### REVIEWS.

DICTIONARY OF EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION. *New York, E. Steiger.* Mr. Steiger published, about four years ago, *The Cyclopaedia of Education*, edited by Messrs. Kiddle & Schenck, two of the New York School Superintendents. The present work is an abbreviation of the larger volume, made by omitting matter of only occasional interest and value

to the professional teacher, and contains solely what is of every-day need, which may be obtained at a moderate cost, and yet supply a large amount of information on a great variety of subjects, such as could be obtained only with considerable difficulty from large and expensive works. The arrangement of Subheads in the longer articles greatly facilitates the use of the book. It should be in every teacher's library.

POINTS OF HISTORY, by John Lothrop Motley. *New York, A. S. Barnes & Co.* This book gives in "question and answer" style, the chief facts in the history of the world. Little attention is given to Ancient history, and special prominence is given to England. The author shows good judgment in giving events more in detail during the present century. It could not supplant other histories, but would enable one to review history fairly.

#### MAGAZINES.

September number of the *Atlantic Monthly*. Contents.—Dr. Breen's Practice; Chapters IV.—VI., W. D. Howells; "Koschel, the Beardless, or the Diffusion of Fairy Tales," by John Fiske; "Harvest Noon," Edith M. Thomas; "In Exile," Part II., Mary Halleck Foote; "Housekeeping Hereafter," J. V. Sears; "The Portrait of a Lady," Chapters XLIII.—XLVI., Henry James, Jr.; "Post Prandial, Phi Beta Kappa, 1881," Oliver Wendell Holmes; "The Katrine Sagar," Part I., H. H.; "The Future of Harvard Divinity School," William Chauncey Langton; "The Dramas of the Elder Dumas," J. Brander Matthews; "The Attempt on the President's Life," E. L. Godkin; "Mr. Howell's New Book," "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government," "Some Recent Biographies," "The English Colonies in America," "Transcendental Physics," The Contributors' Club; Books of the Month.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. It is doubtful if for fifty cents any other volume could be purchased containing so varied and so instructive information as the September number of this magazine. Herbert Spencer's "Political Institutions," and Dr. Felix Oswald's "Physical Education" are continued. A very able reply is given in the article of Honorable Auberon Herbert on "State Education: a Help or a Hindrance?" "The Progress of Higher Science Teaching" criticises the introduction of too much of the "mathematical conundrum" work into Science teaching. One of the best papers is the concluding part of the article on the Circulation of the Blood. There are besides these, "Ancient Copper Mines of Isle Royale," "Writing Physiologically Considered," "Modern Basis of Life Insurance," "Measures of Length," "Are Centuries Unhealthy?" "Inheritance," "The Australian Aborigines," "Unexplored Parts of the Old World, What is a Molecule?" Sketch of James Craig Watson, and Editorial. It is one of the best numbers yet issued.

SCIENCE'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE. The Stories and Editorial Departments are choice and ably conducted, as usual. The three leading illustrated articles are, "The Society of Decorative Art," "The Coniferous Forests of the Sierra Nevada," and "The Wheel as a Symbol of Religion." The first describes the recent exhibition of the American Art Society, and contains 22 illustrations. It will prove of more suggestive benefit to our students than many of the works on the subject.

HARPER'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE. The perfection of attractive arrangement never before reached in the September Harper. Poetry and pictures, history and travel, story and song are most charmingly grouped. One can almost feel in reading it that he is enjoying the real delights of the English Brighton with the pictured beauties he meets on the pages, or rowing and fishing in the Thousand Islands, with the other articles of the magazine thrown in, to read on the beach, or under the shade tree. Few who begin it will care to leave it till finished.

HARPER'S WEEKLY continues the tales "The Beautiful Wretch," "Christowell," and "A Fight for Hire." "How to Bathe," in the number for August 6th, gives some valuable hints. Every teacher should read it. The caricatures and drawings are good. Teachers could find much in this journal to interest and improve their pupils.

#### Publishers' Department.

There is hardly a literary man in America whose writings have been more widely read than those of Dr. J. G. Holland, nor one whose name is better known among the people. It is said that nearly 600,000 copies of his books have been sold, to say nothing of the enormous sale each month of *Scribner's Monthly*, over which he presides as Editor-in-chief. The Century Co., publishers of *Scribner's* (to be known as "*The Century Magazine*" after October), will soon issue a portrait of Dr. Holland, which is said to be a remarkably fine likeness; it is the photograph of a life-size crayon-drawing of the head and shoulders, recently made by Wyatt Eaton, and will be about the size of the original picture. It is to be offered in connection with subscriptions to *The Century Magazine*.