

eloquent lecture was delivered by Mr. A. F. Butler, School Inspector of Elgin, on the Kindergarten. The Rev. D. L. Brethour, of Simcoe, followed with a very pleasing address on Education, shewing the necessity for cultivation of morals as well as intellect.

Saturday, 14th.—Mr. Butler took up the subject of arithmetic, dealing principally with weights and measures, analysis and proportion. While not undervaluing analysis, he claimed a high place for proportion. After a discussion, the audience appeared to be of opinion that analysis was probably the more effective means of developing thought in young pupils, while proportion was to be retained rather on account of its intrinsic beauty and practical utility. An essay by Mrs. Dorothea Smith, entitled "Hints to Teachers," was then read. The writer enumerated the qualities of a successful teacher, and gave many valuable hints on discipline. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., W. W. Pegg; Vice-Pres., James Lumsden, M.A.; Sec.-treas., Rev. Geo. Grant, B.A.; Recording Sec., W. F. Cron; Executive Committee, Messrs. Bennett, Weston, Payne, Knowles, Fisher, and the School Inspector; Auditors, Messrs. Fulton and Parsons. The auditors for 1879 then read a statement shewing a balance to the credit of the Association of \$70.75. After a lengthened discussion on the action of the Government, in shortening the summer vacation, a resolution was passed condemning the change. Mr. Robert Grant, Model School Master of Welland, spoke on Object Lessons in a very pleasing and instructive manner, illustrating the subject by giving an object lesson on leather. Mr. E. Payne, of Simcoe, seconded Mr. Grant's views and shewed how the teaching of object lessons enlarged the child's vocabulary. Mr. R. T. Livingstone, Barrister, then gave several very enjoyable readings in his usual happy style, and received a hearty vote of thanks from the Association, which then adjourned.

NORTH PERTH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The regular half-yearly meeting of the above Association commenced in the

Listowel Central School on the 20th ult. Mr. B. Rothwell, president, occupied the chair. The first business was the reading of William Cullen Bryant's poem, "The Prairies," by the members of the Convention. Each individual who was called upon read a part, while the others criticised. This was an admirable and most instructive exercise to begin the work with. Those who have read John Stuart Mill's Autobiography will remember the benefit he derived, when a youth, from critical reading of certain works in the company of a few kindred spirits. We can well believe "the forenoon was spent profitably in this way, and would commend the example of the North Perth Teachers' Association to sister Associations.

Mr. J. Crozier then took up the subject of Natural Philosophy, discussing Moments, Hydrostatics, and other divisions of this subject. Problems were solved which gave a practical character to the address.

Mr. D. D. Ellis introduced the subject of "History." He gave a number of valuable hints as to how this subject should be taught to an ordinary public school class. He was followed by R. A. Coleman, B.A., who read a carefully-prepared, and thought-provoking essay on "Physical Science as an Educator."

The mode of conducting promotions was introduced by Mr. R. Munro, who stated that though the county had made great advances in the method of conducting these examinations, still there were a few points that might be improved upon. The suggestions made by Mr. Munro were incorporated in the following resolution which on motion of Mr. Draper, seconded by Mr. Ellis, was carried. That a committee be appointed to examine papers for each township, that no scholar over eighteen receive a prize, and that numbers be used instead of names of candidates. J. S. Draper gave his method of teaching algebra to beginners.

In the evening a public entertainment was given in the town hall. The attendance was large, the hall being crowded to the doors. The mayor of Listowel, Mr. J. W. Scott, occupied the chair, and addresses were given