

As he whistles along the street?
Would you have the blues
For a pair of shoes,
While you have a pair of feet?

The snow is deep, there are paths to break,
But the little arm is strong,
And work is play, if you'll only take
Your work with a bit of song.
And Johnny McCree
Oh! what cares he,
As he whistles along the road?
He will do his best
And leave the rest
To the care of his Father,—God.

The mother's face is often sad—
She scarce knows what to do;
But at Johnny's kiss she is bright and glad,
She loves him, and would not you?
For Johnny McCree,
Oh, what cares he,
As he whistles along the way?
The trouble will go,
And "I told you so,"
Our brave little John will say.

—Harpers' Young People.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

SOUTH GUY.—The semi-annual meeting of the teachers of South Grey was held in Flesherton, April 29th and 30th. The programme was a good one, the discussion lively and instructive. A pleasant entertainment was provided for the evening.

PERTH.—The teachers of the county of Perth held their semi-annual convention in Stratford, Wednesday and Thursday, 14th and 15th May. The meeting which was exceedingly interesting was characterized by the usual discussions on the various subjects taught in our public schools, and the reading of essays. A novel and pleasing feature of the meeting was the recitation of a number of kindergarten songs by D. G. McNeil, of Downie, with his class of thirty scholars. Mr. J. E. Hodgson, M.A., H.S.S., gave an address on the "Study of Words" which was full of interest and practical utility to teachers. At the evening meeting addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Wright and D. D. Hay, Esq., M.P.I. Excellent readings were given by Mr. Ludwig, and Miss Macdonald, and music by Misses Katie Johnston and Walker.

WATERLOO.—The teaching profession, we believe, unanimous in the opinion that the late convention held here was the most successful, viewed from whatever standpoint, which ever took place in the county. The presence of the Minister of Education, and his practical remarks, added much to the interest of the proceedings and Mr. Ross won golden opinions during his visit. The honorable gentleman displayed an intimate and thorough acquaintance with all matters pertaining to education and evinced a laudable desire to ascertain the views of the profession and others interested in the proposed changes. Mr. Ross is the right man in the right place, and is adopting the proper course to become acquainted with the requirements of the people, and many needed reforms may with confidence be looked forward to in the Education Department within the next year. The Hon. Minister has both the courage and the ability to carry out his convictions.

WEST HURON.—The semi-annual meeting of the West Huron Teachers' Association was held at Exeter on Thursday and Friday, May 8th and 9th. After routine business a communication from the Women's Christian Temperance Union with reference to the introduction of scientific temperance education into the public schools, was read and referred to the resolution committee. In the afternoon Mr. T. F. Young read an able and instructive essay on "Teachers and Teaching." After some remarks by Messrs. Henderson, Brown, Gregory, Holmes and Huston, a vote of thanks was tendered to the gentleman for his able paper. Miss Dickson then illustrated her method of teaching an "Object Lesson" with class-subject "wheat," which was well received, and elicited a hearty vote of thanks. Miss Henderson then

took up "Primary Drawing," with illustrations, which caused an animated discussion. The lady was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for her effort. In the evening a large and attentive audience met in Mr. Drew's hall to listen to the excellent rendering of various selections by Professor Chapman, of Hamilton, and to the very fine music furnished by the local talent. At the close a well merited vote of thanks was given to Professor Chapman and the musicians. On Friday Mr. G. Holmes read a spicy paper on "Whither are we drifting," coupled with "What can be done to give greater permanency and stability to the teacher's position," which evoked a very lively discussion and the usual vote of thanks. Miss Oliver next read a carefully prepared essay on "Temperance," which was well received. The singing of Miss Helyar's class received much applause. The following resolutions were passed: 1st. That we, as an association, are strongly of the opinion that a diffusion of scientific knowledge of the effects of strong drink is greatly in the interest of morality. That it can be well taught in a public school, and, therefore, we memorialize the Minister of Education to incorporate lessons on the subject in the series of readers. 2nd. That increased Legislative aid should be granted to public schools and distributed on the basis of the amount paid to the teacher. The appointment of Messrs. J. R. Miller, S. P. Halls and Huston, to meet with a committee of the East Huron Teachers' Association, enant the union meeting; and the appointment of G. Baird, sr., as delegate to the Provincial Association, brought this pleasant and profitable meeting to a close.

NORTH HURON.—The regular annual meeting of this Association was held in the Central School, Seaforth. The first paper discussed was one on "False English," by Mr. Crighton of Seaforth High School. He illustrated his meaning by references to periodicals, newspapers, and selections from many authors, showing the ambiguity frequently met with. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Crighton for his subject. Mr. W. G. Duff, of Roxboro, next presented his paper on "Discipline." Mr. Duff showed first that discipline was essential and elevating, he then proceeded to show how to obtain it. Mr. Duff received a well deserved vote of thanks upon the conclusion of his paper. Miss Graham, of Brampton, introduced the subject of "Difficulties in Reading," suggesting remedies for common errors and difficulties encountered in the average school. Upon motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. McFaul, a vote of thanks was tendered Miss Graham. Mr. Groves next read the delegates' report, which on motion was adopted. On the evening of Thursday the Association assembled in Cardno's Hall to hear Miss Graham's evening of reading. The readings were interspersed by musical selections, Miss Ewing, of Seaforth, playing three instrumentals, and Miss Callendar, of Clinton, a solo. Upon resuming work on Friday morning Mr. H. S. McLean, of Clinton High School, pointed out frequent "Errors in Pronunciation," illustrated by a long list of words frequently if not usually mispronounced. Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McGill, Tuckersmith, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. McLean for the manner in which he had treated the subject. A discussion then followed as to the advisability of holding a union meeting of the West Riding Association with the North Huron Association, when it was finally decided that we deem it advisable to hold such union meeting, and that Messrs. Malloch and Turnbull, of Clinton, and Mr. Ferguson, Wingham, be a committee with full power to act. The President appointed Messrs. Shaw, Henderson, Duff, McFaul, Lough and Stewart a committee on nominations. Mr. W. H. Stewart, of Lakelet, next presented his method of Teaching "Multiplication Tables and Division," showing how readily a child might understandingly learn the latter from the former. On motion of Messrs. Henderson and Harstone a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Stewart for the pains he had been at to prepare his subject. A vote of thanks was also tendered Messrs Ewing and Callendar for their kind assistance the evening before at the entertainment. In the afternoon Mr. Turnbull sketched a brief outline of "Herbert Spencer's Education," and pointed out that though philosophic in all its arrangements, it was not practical, from the fact that Spencer himself was not a practical but a theoretical educationist. Mr. Turnbull on motion of Messrs. Harstone and Malloch received a hearty vote of thanks. The committee to draft a resolution of condolence with the family of our late Inspector, Mr. Dewar, reported as follows: We, the members of the North Huron Teachers' Association, regret that since our last meeting one who always took a prominent part in our proceedings has passed away from amongst us. The late Inspector, Mr. Dewar, will be long remembered by the teachers of the Institute, and also by the numerous friends whom he made in the various parts of East Huron during the past twelve years. His genial disposition, his kindness of manner, his invariable urbanity with the teachers under his care, and his fairness of dealing in the school room have rendered his memory particularly dear to them. We desire to give expression to our sympathy with Mrs. Dewar and the other members of the family in the severe loss that they have, in the providence of God, been called upon to sustain, and trust that they may be enabled to draw comfort and support in their affliction from a higher than human source. Signed, D. M. Malloch, L. L. McFaul, J. Turnbull and J. Shaw. Moved by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Lough, that the report be received and adopted, and that the Secretary send a copy of