

session by reading a paper on Physiology. As we shall endeavor to secure this paper and the others read before the convention for publication, it is not necessary to make a full report of its contents. He demonstrated the action of the heart, illustrating his remarks by the heart of a sheep, its various parts being lucidly explained. Touching on school matters, he gave some good advice to teachers as to the means of work which they ought to adopt in training the children. He also spoke on the subject of intemperance and the use of narcotics. It would be difficult, he said, to find a pathological change in the human system for every pound of tobacco or pint of whiskey taken, but he, the speaker, was opposed to it on general principles—an opposition in which he was confirmed by his medical studies.

Mr. J. W. McOuat read a paper on the grading of elementary schools, in which the system of simultaneous examinations for promotion purposes was advocated. The paper was freely discussed by Inspector Hubbard, Dr. Kneeland, Rev. Mr. King, Mr. Truell and others.

Mr. W. Patterson followed with a paper on the subject of teaching Canadian history, asking that steps be taken in conjunction with other teaching bodies in the Dominion to obtain a text-book of Canadian history which will give every province such recognition as will unite the interests of Canadians as a whole irrespective of creed or nationality. How can this be done? Let a book be written by a committee of authors whose work shall be submitted to the ministers of education in the various provinces, who may eliminate, amend or add such passages as they think desirable, and so produce a book authorized to be used throughout Canada. Mr. Patterson moved a resolution to the effect that such a book is highly necessary, and that a committee be appointed to investigate the question, and report at next Convention.

Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, and referred to the lack of text-books which would make interesting the history of our country. The motion was carried and the convention adjourned.

In the evening of the same day a large audience assembled in the Armory Hall to hear several addresses and the programme of