

Association, gave a very interesting account of the proceedings of that body, after which the session was adjourned.

At 8 p.m. a public entertainment was given in the same hall, which was well filled with a very respectable audience. The Clarksburg brass band, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Henderson, performed some choice music, and the Local Glee Club sang several well-rendered pieces. The Misses Lindsay and Murray gave each a select reading; the Misses Armstrong sang a duet; Mr. Tait addressed the meeting and contributed a humorous reading; Messrs Treadgold and Rorke gave readings, and Mr. Fawcett a recitation. The repeated commendations of the audience testified to the satisfactory nature of the efforts made to please them. Mr. George Lindsay, Vice-President, occupied the chair and received a cordial vote of thanks, after which the entertainment was concluded with the National Anthem by the band.

The first business transacted on the morning of the 15th was the election of officers, resulting as follows:—President, Mr. A. Grier; Vice-President, Mr. George Lindsay; Secretary Mr. J. Farewell; Treasurer, Mr. R. Hamilton; Auditors, Messrs. McKinnon, Boyd, Hamilton, Smith, Honeywell, Mills, Treadgold, and Dr. Donaldson.

Mr. Treadgold then took up "Factoring," which he handled in a very expert manner. He recommended the teachers to study Dr. McLellan's Teacher's Hand Book on the subject. Mr. J. Whyte introduced a project of Mutual Life Insurance for the teachers, which he thought was very needful under existing circumstances, but as the matter was yet only in embryo, he thought it wise to hand it over to a committee to report at next semi-annual meeting, which was agreed to. Mr. J. H. W. York read an excellent paper on "Penmanship," advocating more attention to the subject in schools, and a style in accordance with the future business requirements of the pupils. This style he said was to be found in Beatty's copy books, which ought to be in general use. He recommended slate pencils set in wood for younger children, as less liable than the others to spoil the method of holding the pen.

The Rev. Mr. Elliott next read an essay on "Good Reading," which was very much appreciated. On the motion of Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and made an honorary member of the Association.

Mr. John Tait gave a very practical and useful elucidation of the mystery of Fractions, showing their applicability in solving some abstruse problems.

A club was formed in the Association to subscribe to the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, many of the members testifying to its merits, and the valuable aid it has been to them in their professional work.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Thornbury next May.

NORTH HASTINGS.—At Madoc on Sep. 30th and Oct. 1st. In the afternoon session of Sep. 30 an essay on "Writing" was read by Mr. Sutherland, H. M. Stirling, P. S. He recommended month head lines, as the use of the black board. A discussion of the subject followed, in which Messrs Johnston of South Hastings, Horton Mackintosh Mulloy and Williamson took part. Mr. Riddell read an essay on "How to teach School Arithmetic," a subject on which comment was made by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Mackintosh read a paper on "Multiples, Fractions and Reduction." Mr. Buchan, M.A., then arrived and was welcomed with applause. In the evening Mr. Buchan delivered his lecture on "Poetry and Politics."

Friday. Mr. Kirk, H. M. Madoc M.S. took up some difficulties in Algebra. Mr. Buchan discussed the subject of Literature in Public Schools, and gave a thorough analysis of a lesson in the 4th book explaining his method.

Afternoon session Mr. Buchan addressed the teachers on "Grammar." Mr. Wood, Madoc, read an essay on "Morals and Manners." Mr. Buchan on the subject of reading in the fourth and fifth classes. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Mr. Buchan for his valuable assistance. This convention, which was a most successful one, was varied by the occasional introduction of music by some leading vocalists of Madoc and vicinity.

RESTIGOUCHÉ COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The fourth annual meeting of the Restigouche County Teacher's Institute was held at Charlo on the 2nd and 3rd of Sept., 28 members present. President Nicholson introduced Mr. Cox, the new Inspector, who spoke at some length. The first day's work consisted of:—A first lesson on "The Table of Linear Measure" by Miss Nancy Robinson; an essay on "Momentum" by Mr. John Lawson; and an essay on "School Discipline" by Miss McCormack. In the evening Mr. Cox delivered a public lecture on "Education." Friday forenoon was occupied by a first lesson on Grammar, by Miss Ferguson, and a general discussion of the "Conditions of Successful Teaching." In the afternoon Mr. A. Ross, A.B., addressed the Institute on "Light and Color," after which he gave a popular description of the formation of the coal measure. At the request of the President, Mr. Lawson gave a lesson on the "Unitary Method in Arithmetic." The next meeting is to be held at Dalhousie on Thursday and Friday, the 9th and 10th of July, 1881. The officers:—Rev. T. Nicholson, President; Inspector Cox, Vice-President; Geo. T. Dawson, Secretary; Treasurer, A. Ross, A.B., and Donald McLean additional members of committee.

LANARK COUNTY.—At Perth, on 15th and 16th Oct., the President, Mr. N. L. Slack, in the chair. After the President's address, Mr. I. P. Anderson, of Balderson's Corners, read an essay on "Dull Boys," Mr. B. Lawe, of Almonte, on "Geography," Mr. A. W. Bart, of Perth, on "Drawing," Mr. Bowerman on "Reading," Mr. Beer, on "Vulgar Fractions," in concert with a number of the Perth High School pupils who volunteered for the purpose. Mr. A. Guttridge furnished an excellent paper on "Grammar."

RESPLE COUNTY.—At Benbrook, on 1st and 2nd inst., Rev. John May, M.A., of Ottawa, gave an excellent lecture on "What shall my calling be?"

EAST MIDDLESEX.—On 23rd ult. Mr. W. J. Eddy gave an address on "The Teacher's work out of school hours;" Mr. J. D. Hunt, of Putnam, on "How to make the School Attractive," the President, Mr. Dearness, on "Primary Teaching." "School Discipline" was then discussed by Mr. Donaldson, Mr. W. D. Lockett and others continued the work of examination at the High School entrance examinations, and a motion was carried to petition the Minister of Education that such examinations be in future conducted by the Board of County Examiners.

EAST LAMINGTON. Met at Forest on 14th and 15th Oct. Papers were read on "Circulating Decimals" by Mr. J. McKeown, "Geography of Dominion" by Mr. R. C. Whittel, "Case" by Mr. Buchan, M.A., "Second class Spelling" Miss Seager, "Infinitive Mood" Mr. Buchan. On Friday Mr. D. N. Sinclair discussed "Writing," and Mr. I. Brebner, P. S. I., "Object Lessons," a lecture on the "Origin of the English Nation" was then given by Mr. Buchan, High School Inspector.

HALLIBRAND.—Met on 8th and 9th instant. Mr. Moses, Chairman, invited an expression of opinion from teachers as to the best book on each subject, with a view to uniformity. It was moved by Mr. Telford, seconded by Mr. McNevin, and resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the Canadian edition of H. Smith's Arithmetic for senior classes, and Kirkland and Scott's for junior classes, are preferable to any other. A report of committee appointed on the subject also unanimously decided that Gage's editions of Swinton's Language Lessons, owing to the uniformity of its definitions, with Mason's Grammar, is preferable to Campbell's as an introductory text-book on Grammar. An address on "The Education System of Canada" was then delivered by the President, R. P. Echlin, B.A. The address condemned the undue prominence given to mathematics in the schools and at the examination, the speaker holding that more practical benefits and a higher tone of education arise from a thorough knowledge of the history and literature of our own race than from mathematics. He criticized the neglect of reading and writing in High Schools.

WEST KENT.—The semi-annual meeting of this association was held at Chatham on the 7th and 8th October. Over a hundred persons were present, including the Rev. C. McColl, P. S. Inspector for Chatham, and Mr. W. Nichols, M.A., P. S. Inspector for West Kent. Miss Dawson of the Central School read an essay on Composition, which a vote of those present requested her to publish. The proceedings seem to have been conducted in a liberal and harmonious spirit.

NORTH RIDING OF ESSEX.—The teachers' association met, with the French Division, in the Windsor Model School on October 7th. Mr. Buchan, H. S. Inspector, was warmly welcomed. The importance of keeping up the study of French, especially in that part of Canada, was discussed with much spirit and thoroughness by MM. Rocheleau, Curran, Meloche, Bourret and Reaume, Mr. Ross, M.P., joining in the debate. The president then delivered his annual address, on the connection between Education and Patriotism. Mr. Standish read a paper on "Time Tables," which was discussed by Messrs. McHugh, Morrison, and Ross, M. P. Mr. McNeil furnished an essay on Etymology, a subject also commented on by Messrs. Chenay, Sansburne and Buchan. The latter said he thought such studies must be particularly interesting to the teachers of Essex who had to teach two languages. He recommended the use of the highest authorities, such as Max Müller. Mr. Ross, M.P., then gave an excellent practical lecture on Mistakes in Reading, and Mr. Buchan an interesting account of the facts with regard to Primeval Man. A paper on Penmanship was read by Mr. A. J. Henson. On Saturday, a committee was appointed to determine the principal epochs of English history as a guide to teachers. Mr. Garragher then read an interesting paper on the subject of Discipline, and Mr. Henson one on Child Life. Mr. McNevin read a paper on "The Best Way of Teaching Interest to a Junior Class." This is said to have been one of the most successful conventions ever held in this county.

DURHAM.—Met at Bowmanville on the 9th October. Mr. W. C. Tilley, M.A., and Mr. W. W. Tamblin, M.A. had a discussion as to the marking system at entrance of High Schools. A discussion also took place on the Superannuation question, in which Messrs. J. Crawford, Tilley, Barber, Ellis, and others, took part. The following resolutions were carried:—

1st. That no portion of contributions to the fund be returned to teachers who leave the profession before spending ten years in service.