

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

CHRONICLE OF THE MONTH.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—The semi-annual meeting of the teachers of this county was held at Colborne on the 12th and 13th May. The chair was occupied by the President, D. C. McHenry, M.A., Principal of Cobourg Collegiate Institute. The following subjects were discussed: "Book-keeping," introduced by W. J. Black; "Spelling," by J. T. Slater; "Relation of Teachers to Parents," by E. J. Flewelling; "Relative Importance of Mathematics," by S. A. Dixon; "School Legislation and Regulations," by D. C. McHenry, M.A.; "Algebra," by W. S. Ellis, B.Sc.; "Morals and Manners," by G. Dowler; "Question Drawer," by G. K. Knight, B.A., R. K. Orr, B.A., and W. E. Sprague, H.M. Model School.

The discussions were vigorous and unusually interesting, and elicited much valuable information. The thorough manner in which the leaders of the various subjects executed their part of the programme, was very commendable and conduced largely to the success of the meeting.

On Friday afternoon, the vexed question of Superannuation was brought up. After an animated discussion, the Association decided to take no definite action in the matter until its next meeting, in October.

A peculiar case of school discipline was then brought before the meeting: A pupil in the township of Haldimand had been detained from school for two days by his parents; on being sent to the school on the afternoon of the second day to secure the lessons for the day following, he arrived as school was being dismissed, and while in the room, committed an offence for which the teacher administered mild corporal punishment. For this he (the teacher) was summoned before a magistrate and fined, on the ground

that the boy was *not a pupil* of the school when the offence was committed. A resolution was unanimously adopted by the Association expressing sympathy for the teacher, condemning the action of the parent and the decision of the magistrate, and promising aid, if required, to appeal the case.

ONTARIO TEACHERS' CONVENTION.—The Ontario Teachers' Convention met at Cannington on May 27th and 28th. It was attended by about seventy teachers mostly from the northern part of the county. Port Perry and Uxbridge High Schools, and the Whitby Collegiate Institute were pretty well represented. The President, Jas. McBrien, I.P.S., presided. The following is the programme:—

"Composition in Public Schools," D. Jennings, Uxbridge; "Physiology," Miss M. J. Bates, Prince Albert; "Reading," J. L. Margach, Duffin's Creek; "Applied Geometry," J. J. Magee, B.A., Uxbridge; Lecture on "The Teacher's Influence," Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., Uxbridge; "Mental Arithmetic," J. Brown, Whitby; "School Discipline," D. McBride, B.A., Port Perry; discussion on the Superannuation Fund, and general business; "Stocks," J. W. L'Amoreaux, Whitevale; "Human Physiology," Miss M. J. Bates, Prince Albert; "A Paper on Reading," J. L. Margach, Duffin's Creek.

The Convention had the pleasure of receiving an address of welcome presented by the Public School Board of Cannington, to which a suitable reply was made by Mr. Jas. McBrien, President, and Mr. Jas. Brown, Model School, Whitby, Vice-President. The Convention had under discussion the Super-