

The first subject on Saturday morning was that of "Writing," which was well handled by Mr. Richardson. "The series of New Readers," by Messrs. Gage & Co., was then severely criticized by Mr. Boyle. Messrs. Telford and King took part in the discussion, and a resolution was passed to the effect "that no series of Reading Books should be authorized by the Minister of Education until the opinion of the teachers has been obtained through their Local and Provincial Associations." A paper by Mr. McGill on the "Geography of Canada," and an essay by Mr. Butchart on "Canada," were then read and discussed, after which the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Telford; Vice-President, Mr. Munro; Secretary, Mr. Morgan, B.A.; Treasurer, Mr. Clendening, I.P.S.

Before closing the proceedings, resolutions of condolence with the families of the late Chief Superintendent of Education and Inspector Marling were passed, and ordered to be embodied in the minutes.

WEST HURON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The semi-annual meeting of the West Huron Teachers' Association was held in the Public School, Exeter, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17th and 18th. On Friday, at 9.30 a.m., in the absence of the President, Mr. J. R. Miller, I.P.S., the meeting was called to order by the 1st Vice-President, Mr. John Connolly, after which Mr. Samuel R. Halls read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted.

Mr. David Boyle, representative of the Canada Publishing Company, Toronto, now laid before the Association the many excellences of their series of Readers, called the "Royal Canadian Readers." He was listened to attentively, but no action was taken for or against the series.

In the afternoon Mr. W. M. Leigh introduced the subject of "Time Tables" in a very practical manner, by exposing to view, on the blackboard, a copy of a time-table used by himself, which he fully explained. Many questions were asked and answered re-

lating to the topic, and not a few complimentary remarks were uttered in behalf of the style in which the subject had been handled. Mr. P. Strang followed, and disclosed the secrets of "Discount." After copious explanation by the teacher, the use of the now familiar Unitary Method received special emphasis. Several teachers expressed themselves as highly pleased, yet some demurred, so far as Unitary Method was concerned, by substituting in its place the Rule of Three. The next was a paper on "Teachers' Home Reading," by Mr. F. Crassweller, which was so well received that he was immediately informed that all essays were the property of the Institute. A vote of thanks was tendered him for his instructive essay. In the evening a public meeting was held, Mr. John Connolly in the chair, when Mr. H. J. Strang, B.A., read an exhaustive essay on the subject of "Common Errors of Speech and their Correction." His essay being divided into parts, the management availed themselves of the interval to introduce some music, and also one of the most interesting features of the evening, viz., the presentation to Mr. W. R. Miller, Goderich Public School, of Chambers' Encyclopædia, as a testimonial for services rendered as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association for a period of four years.

On Saturday morning the members of the Association again met in the Public School, when it was decided that all teachers, members of this Institute, by paying the sum of 50 cents, would be furnished with either the CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY or the *School Journal*. Mr. Grassick being called upon, read a paper on "Penmanship," and at intervals during the reading gave proof of his skill in the art. Mr. Geo. Holman now read a suggestive essay on "Hygiene"—a much-neglected study.

On motion, Mr. H. J. Strang took the chair, while Mr. John Connolly brought before the members "Music," with illustrations. He handled it simply in the form of a lesson to a rural school; explained the class of music he teaches; showed the value of music as a means of giving to the ordinary