

1.—That the teaching limit be reduced to 25 years of service, or that the age of 50 may be taken instead of 60 years, to enable a subscriber to share in the Superannuation Fund.

2.—That, in our opinion, the Model Schools of this Province are doing a good work, and should be sustained as they are at present.

3.—That School Boards should have the same power they formerly possessed in providing school accommodation.

4.—That we are not in favor of allowing special grants to Collegiate Institutes, as we think such allowance to be an unjust discrimination against the smaller High Schools.

5.—That there no longer exists any necessity for such an institution as Upper Canada College, inasmuch as the work done there can be performed just as efficiently by the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes of this Province.

Interesting and instructive papers were read by the following members of the Association:—Dr. McDiarmid, "How to teach parts I. and II. (Limit Table);" W. McLaren, "Senior Grammar;" W. D. Johnston, "Book Keeping;" J. D. Houston, "Junior English Grammar;" Mr. McEwan, "Inorganic Chemistry;" D. J. Hunter, "Analysis."

The proceedings were varied by some amusing readings by Mr. Johnston, and lively discussions among the members concerning points brought out in the different papers read at the meeting.

After the appointment of several gentlemen to act as delegates at the next annual meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Association, to be held in Toronto, the meeting adjourned until September next.

W. D. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

EAST LAMBTON.—Watford being the most central place, and otherwise desirable, our town has again been favored with the meeting of the above Association. The meeting held last Thursday and Friday, 10th and 11th instant, was the seventh in the regular order. Through the kindness of the Trustees of the Methodist Church here, the Association met in their place of worship. C. A. Barnes, Esq., Inspector, was chosen chairman of the Association. Mr. P. Dewar, gave a treatise on "Addition of Fractions," and Mr. Stritt, on "Composition." Both subjects were well handled, and considerably criticised. Messrs. T. White and D. D. Moshier, were appointed Auditors for the Association. This closed the first session.

In the afternoon, or second session, the number was much larger than in the forenoon, as there was quite a large addition of teachers and visitors. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, C. A. Barnes, I.P.S.; Vice-President, T. White, Watford, and John Pierce, Forest. Amidst considerable applause, Dr. McLellan then took the stand, and for nearly two hours demonstrated the subject of algebra. The Dr. is quite at home on this subject, and is evidently popular with the teachers. Mr. Moshier of Wyoming, showed himself an expert in that particular department. A large number of the teachers took part in the discussion of the subject. Mr. Ferguson of Forest, took charge of Mr. White's fourth class, and taught a lesson on literature. There was a very interesting discussion on the subject afterwards.

Association met again on Friday, and the subject of monthly examinations was first taken up. Many took a lively interest in the discussion of this theme, and seemed to be of the opinion that it is an excellent plan to bring up the school to an equal standard, and stimulating to the pupils. The time and place of holding the next meeting of the Association were next considered, and each place suggested had its friends, so that some time was spent in discussing the subject, but after considerable exciting talk, Watford was again fixed upon as the favored place for the next meeting, by a large majority, and the first week in September the time. Dr. McLellan was next called upon to teach the subject of "Elementary Arithmetic." The Dr.'s method is novel and striking, not at all old fogyish.

The Auditors' report was read and adopted. At the afternoon session the subject of "Map Drawing" was first in order, by D. D. Moshier, followed by "Square Measure," by S. Roulston. The subjects were handled well by both gentlemen, and elicited considerable discussion. Votes were passed to Dr. McLellan and to the people of Watford. The Dr. urged upon the teachers to exert themselves and to show more and more earnestness and zeal in their work. The meeting was considered a very successful one throughout.

REVIEWS.

Messrs. Ginn & Heath have sent us three additional volumes of Hudson's series of Shakespeare's plays, namely, Henry IV., Part Second, Henry V., and Henry VIII. We notice that Professor Hudson adopts Spedding's view, that a very large part of the last-mentioned play, including the famous speech beginning "Farewell, a long farewell to all my greatness," was written by Fletcher. Every succeeding volume of this series increases our estimate of its value.

The same firm have also sent us a well-printed octavo volume containing Cicero's *De Natura Deorum*, edited by Austin Stickney. Of its 344

pages, 21 are occupied by the introduction, 147 by the text and the English summaries prefixed to the different books, 155 by the notes, and 19 by an appendix and an index. It is a scholarly piece of work, well-calculated to be of service to both the young and the advanced student.

FIRST GERMAN BOOK. After the Natural or Pestalozzian Method. For Schools and Home Instruction. Chautauqua Language Series. By Jas. H. Worman, A.M., author of a Series for the Modern Languages, etc., and Professor in the Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N.Y. Pp. 63, 8vo. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York and Chicago. In this charming text-book the German "language is taught by direct appeal to illustrations of the objects mentioned." It contains a large number of wood-cuts, and the letter-press on each page consists of a series of simple questions, answers and statements about the subject of the cut or cuts on it or the preceding page. We should imagine that in the hands of a competent teacher this book would be exceedingly useful in stimulating the interest, and thereby expediting the progress of pupils.

NATIONAL KINDERGARTEN SONGS AND PLAYS. Henry A. Young & Co., 13 Bromfield street, Boston. These are written and compiled by Mrs. Louise Pollock, principal of the Kindergarten Institute in Washington. They may be used in the primary departments of Public Schools, and are classed under the following heads: opening and closing, marching, gymnastic, playing, conversational and moral songs. The playing songs apply to the "ball" games, trades, and arm, hand and finger plays. The book is a valuable addition to the list of school music books.

THE ORTHOEPIST. D. Appleton & Co., New York. It has often been a matter of surprise to us that, while so much attention is properly given to speaking grammatically, so little is given to speaking with a correct pronunciation. Good English may be violated as much in the one way as in the other. The *Orthoepist* contains the words liable to be mispronounced, and gives the correct pronunciation according to the best standards. The book is an excellent one, which is likely to do more for the cause of good speech by directing attention to common errors than any work with which we are acquainted.

MAGAZINES.

The March number of the *ATLANTIC MONTHLY* begins with three chapters of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps's story, "Friends, a Duet." This is followed by "The Story of a Great Monopoly," an account of the doings of the Standard Oil Company of Pennsylvania. The poetical contributions are by H. C. Terry Cooke, Francis L. Maco, Maurice Thompson, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. Henry James, Jr. continues "The Portrait of a Lady," and the views of his brother, Dr. William James, on the "Genesis of Genius," are controverted by Professor Grant Allen in an article of great merit. William M. Rossetti discourses about the wives of Spenser, Shakespeare, Dorino, Milton, Dryden and Blake. Theodore Bacon contributes an eulogy of President Hayes under the title "The End of the War." Richard Grant White furnishes "Random Recollections of England," and Katharine Carrington a short complete story of considerable power called "The Eleventh Hour." The remaining contents are, "New York Theatres," "Recent French and German Essays," "War-ships and Navies," "Tennyson's New Volume and other Poetry," "Chalozar's History of Music," "The Contributors' Club," and "Books of the Month." A varied and excellent number.

APPLETON'S JOURNAL. The *Literary World* says "Appleton's Journal has of late been turned largely to account as a vehicle for the cream of the English periodicals. There is no better reading to be had in the English language than much of that which it thus contains; and the form in which it gives it is more dignified and attractive than that of the ordinary eclectic reprint. Together with these special attractions, it continues to present original articles of positive value, and the editorial departments show some of the strongest and best writing to be found in American journalism." The March number justifies the praise given in this quotation. "Scotch Orthodoxy and Modern Thought," "Ophelia," "George Eliot," and "Geist's Grave," a poem by Matthew Arnold, will be its most interesting articles for teachers.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY, March. The literary merit of this number is fully up to its usual standard, and the illustrations rather better than usual. "In London with Dickens," "Charles and Mary Lamb," "Striped Bass," "Peter the Great," "Glimpses of Parisian Art," "John Singleton Copley, R.A.," are richly illustrated, as they would be in no other magazine. Besides these articles there are several others of high excellence. "A Fair Barbarian," by Mrs. F. Hodgson Burnett, continues to grow more attractive to the men, and more "shocking" to the ladies of Slough. The publishers offer the three numbers through which this interesting story runs, February, March and April, for one dollar.