

readings, which were rendered in a masterly manner. The Professor sent the audience into perfect convulsions of laughter by his reading of "Our Pants." Dr. McLellan delivered his lecture "This Canada of Ours." This was certainly one of the most successful meetings of this Association. Mr. Barnes, I.P.S., was re-elected president of the Association, Mr. Thos. White, re-elected Vice-President, Mr. J. McD. Duncan, re-elected Sec.-Treas.; Mr. Jno. Pierce and Mr. R. C. Whitet elected auditors. The next meeting is to be held in Forest. Mr. Miles Ferguson, Principal Forest Model School, was appointed a delegate from this Association to the Provincial Association, which meets in Toronto in August.

NORFOLK.—The Teachers' Institute for the County of Norfolk was held on Friday and Saturday last. The total number registered was 113. Mr W. F. Cron took up the subject of map drawing. It had the great advantage of teaching through the eye of the pupil. The best form of teaching a class of children what geographical terms meant was of course to take the class out for a walk and let them study from nature; but this plan was not always convenient and was open to misconstruction by the public. Map drawing was the best substitute. He denounced the practice of tracing through semi-transparent paper as useless. If a correct map were required, it would be best to have the lines of latitude and longitude drawn first, but freehand drawing of maps was exceedingly useful. In painting maps, pupils usually make the paint far too thick. The names should be put on in characters as near like print as possible, not in writing. Mr. W. W. Pegg delivered a lecture on the teaching of reading to pupils. The speaker seemed to enter heartily into sympathy with the method of teaching word forms first and the alphabet incidentally. His form differed in one important respect from that of most who had attempted the method, in that he used the blackboard to a much greater extent. Thus he invented lessons of an original character, and "printed" them on the board while talking to the class; in fact, the pupils supplied the ideas and he wrote the signs. In this way a lively interest in word forms was excited among the pupils. This was in addition to the ordinary lessons from the tablets and books. He found that this method not only taught word forms rapidly, but also correct enunciation and natural expression. It also made a class remarkably thorough and intelligent. His pupils copied the lessons on their slates. *Afternoon Session.*—Mr. W. H. Weston, of Waterford, delivered an admirable lecture on Algebraic Factoring. Dr. Wadsworth then took up the subject of "Home work for pupils and teachers." He claimed that few students could work more than six hours a day if the work was really genuine. In a school which was energetically managed, the evils of over-work were apt to appear. Children were forced to perform tasks which overtaxed their strength and stunted their future physical and mental development. The difficulty was that the talented and active children were the very ones who were most injured by the forcing or hot-bed system, while the constitutionally indolent were not greatly benefitted by it. Mr. A. J. Donly, of Simcoe, then read an essay on the "School System of Ontario," which was listened to with marked attention. *Evening Session.*—At 8 p.m., the Association met at the Mechanics' Hall. Mr. A. F. Butler, B. Sc., Public School Inspector, of Elgin, addressed a large audience on the Kindergarten. The lecturer gave a delightful biographical sketch of Frederick Froebel, the distinguished inventor of the Kindergarten system. He explained the means adopted to develop harmoniously and pleasantly the faculties of young children. The leading principles were two—that children learn by doing, and the children love to do. All that was needed was proper direction—not repression. In fact, repression was foreign to the system. Rev. D. L. Brethour, of Simcoe, then delivered an address on Education. His strongest point perhaps was the necessity for the co-education of both mind and heart. *Morning Session.*—On Saturday the Institute was addressed by Mr. Butler on Arithmetic. An Essay entitled "Hints to Teachers" written by Mrs. Dorothea Smith, of Woodhouse, was then read by the Inspector, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the lady who composed it. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, W. W. Pegg, Esq.; Vice-President, Jas. Lumsden, Esq., M.A.; Secretary, Rev. G. Grant, B.A.; Recording Secretary, W. F. Cron, Esq.; Executive Committee, Messrs. Weston, Bennett, Knowles, Payne, Fisher and the School Inspector. Auditors, James Fulton and D. W. Parsons. The auditors for 1879 read a statement showing that the balance at the credit of the Association amounted to \$70.75. A resolution was passed condemning the proposed shortening of the Public School holidays. *Afternoon Session.*—Mr. Robert Grant, Model School Master, of Welland, then addressed the Institute on "Object Lessons." The address was a well-considered and well-delivered effort, and fully explained the principles regulating the subject. R. T. Livingstone, Esq., B.A., was then introduced, and gave a series of readings from Dickens and other authors, to the intense delight of the audience.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—The semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in the Collegiate Institute, Cobourg, on the 26th and 27th ultimo. Mr. D. J. Johnston, a valued member of the Association, having retired from the active work, was elected an honorary member, and invited to

take part in the proceedings. The early part of the session was given to Algebra, the discussion being opened by W. S. Ellis, B.A. Mathematical master of the Institute. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Ellis for his very able presentation of factoring. A discussion followed on School Discipline, the prevailing feeling being in favor of a judicious use of the rod in certain cases; but that, as far as possible, pupils should be swayed by love, rather than by fear of corporal punishment. In the evening, a very excellent lecture was delivered before the Association by Dr. Burwash, on "Schools and School Masters." On Friday, the subject of Reading was discussed, introduced by some excellent remarks from Mr. W. E. Sprague, followed by Mr. Ash and others. An able and critical analysis of Gray's "Elegy" was given by Mr. R. K. Orr, B.A., Head Master of Brighton High School. A discussion followed on the subject of literature for Third-Class teachers, the unanimous feeling being against the present requirements, and in favor of making the work somewhat similar to that required for second-class certificates, confined to one or two authors, and less fragmentary and discursive. The subject of Penmanship was very ably presented by M. Sawyer, a student of the Institute. He was succeeded by Mr. D. C. McHenry, M.A., in a practical address on "Waste of Labor in School Work." The subject was further discussed by the Inspector, Messrs. Ellis, Sprague, Johnston, and others. The Association requested Mr. McHenry to publish his address. Mr. W. M. Scarlett next took up the subject "History in Public Schools." He advanced some excellent ideas, particularly in reference to introducing the study to young pupils. He was requested to publish his address. A general "Question Drawer" exercise followed, including many practical questions, eliciting a very general discussion. On Friday evening the large Audience-room of the Institute was filled with an intelligent audience, to witness a series of chemical experiments, by Messrs. Oldham and Ellis, of the Institute. Mr. A. P. Coleman, Science Master, who was prevented by illness from taking an active part, stated that the experiments were those ordinarily performed by the members of his Intermediate Class. A hearty vote of thanks was presented to the gentlemen who had thus entertained the Association. The very superior "Glee Club" of the Institute were present during the entire proceedings, and greatly contributed to its success by their excellent music. The taste of the students in decorating the room elicited the admiration of all present. The President, Mr. W. E. Bartlett, conducted the business with his usual ability and tact. The Association adjourned, to meet in Cobourg in October next.

GLENORAIRY.—The first half-yearly meeting was held in Alexandria on the 12th and 13th ult. Seventy members at present in charge of schools were in attendance. A good part of the time was devoted to the Limit Table of Studies prescribed for Classes I, II, III, and IV, as laid down on page 1 of the General Register. The subjects of the papers read and addresses given were "Duties of Teachers to Parents and Pupils," "High School Entrance Examinations," "Scanning of English Verse," "Art of Teaching," "Botany," "Elementary Chemistry," "Reading," "School Registers, Trustees' Returns, and Departmental Regulations," "Recitations," and, besides, the practical teaching of classes. The following officers were appointed for the current year: President, Dr. McDiarmid, Supt. Pub. Schools; Vice-President, Alex. Kennedy, H. M. Model School; Secretary, Arch. B. McDonald; Librarian, Alexander McDonald; Directors, Alexander B. McDonald, J. C. McCabe, R. Seldon, John A. Shea, Wm. C. Gorsling. The next meeting will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of September next. ARCH. B. McDONALD, Secretary.

HALIBURTON.—The semi-annual meeting of the County Teachers' Association was held at the village of Haliburton on the 19th and 20th Feb. The following is the programme followed:—Thursday—Opening address by Dr. Curry, President of the Association, on the "Relation of Teachers to Trustees, Parents, and Pupils"; Object Lessons, Mr. W. Loith; Object Lessons on Paper, Mr. T. T. Grimmett; Infinitives and Gerunds, Mr. E. J. Unger; How to make Study Attractive, Mr. G. S. V. Houston; Geography, Mr. T. T. Grimmett. In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Strachan delivered an address on Canada to a large and highly appreciative audience. Friday—Music, Mr. Geo. Goward; Reading to Senior Classes, Mr. J. S. K. Angus; Third Class Algebra paper, Mr. T. T. Grimmett; Duties and Influence of Teachers, Mr. E. C. Young; Question Drawer. CHAS. D. CURRY, B.A., M.D., Pres.; E. J. UNGER, Sec.

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