

Educational Society of Eastern Ontario, conveyed to the Ontario Association its fraternal greetings, and in response to a request from the chair, he further announced that there was no disposition on the part of the Eastern Society to set itself up as a rival to the general Association. This intimation was received with such symptoms of pleasure as to make it plain that there had been a considerable amount of mistrust respecting the motives underlying the movement to which the younger Association owed its origin. This feeling being removed, there was nothing left but to accept cordially and return in the same way the greetings of the Eastern Society. This was briefly and felicitously done on behalf of the General Association by Mr. J. M. Smith and Mr. A. McMurchy. Mr. Dawson, of Belleville, gave the Convention a humorous and instructive account of his visit as a delegate to the Protestant Teachers' Association of Quebec. The lessons which he learned during his visit, and which he so pleasantly presented to his fellow-members, show that the duties of delegates to sister associations should not be performed in a merely perfunctory manner. Such visits, when made by a keen critic and shrewd observer, are calculated to wield an important influence on the manner of conducting the Association's proceedings. A brief but interesting paper by Dr. Tassie on "Public and High School Programmes," led to a spirited discussion, the general drift of which was strongly in favour of limiting the number of subjects taken up in the Public Schools and of retaining in them the fifth and sixth classes. The retention of natural science on the Public School programme was advocated by some of the speakers on the ground of practical utility. One of the evenings was placed at the service of Dr. Ellis, who read a deeply interesting but somewhat abstruse paper on certain chemical phenomena. On motion of Mr. Kirkland, who is a member of the Senate of Toronto University, a committee was appointed to wait upon the Ontario Government with a view to the establishment of scholarships in connection with the recently instituted "Ladies' Examinations." The work done this year in the Public School section of the Association was largely of an institute character, but a good deal of time was also devoted to the discussion of "County Training Schools," after which a resolution was unanimously adopted approving of the scheme about to go into operation. In the High School Section there were long and interesting discussions on the curriculum of the Provincial University and the Intermediate Examination, the first of which was introduced by Mr. Purslow, of Port Hope, and the second by Mr. Seath, of St. Catharines. The view taken of the new curriculum for matriculation was one of general approval and hopefulness, though some points were strongly objected to. The dislike of the intermediate was much less pronounced than it was last year, and some suggestions were made for still further improving it. The subject of "County Model Schools" was the most important one taken up by the Inspectors' section, but no resolution was adopted. The Model School Masters held a meeting of their own, at which some members of the Central Committee were present. By request, Mr. G. W. Ross explained, on behalf of the Committee, the manner in which it was proposed that the schools should be conducted, and before the meeting broke up a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Central Committee by the Masters present. On the whole, the County Training School scheme seems to have won the general approbation of the masters and inspectors, a state of affairs which cannot but be gratifying to the Minister of Education, and which greatly improves the chances of making these schools a useful appendage of the Educational system.

The officers of the Ontario Teachers' Association for the coming year are as follows: President, J. A. McLellan, LL.D.; Recording Secretary, A. McMurchy, M.A.; Corresponding Secretary, James Hughes; Treasurer, S. McAllister. The officers of the Public School Section are: Chairman, S. McAllister, Toronto; Secretary, H. Dickinson, Stratford; Executive Committee, D. Johnson, Cobourg; R. McQueen, Kirkwall; W. R. Harvey, Barrie; C. Sangster, Belleville; J. Hughes, Toronto. The officers of the Public School Section are: Chairman, Dr. Kelly, Brantford; Secretary, James Hodgson, Yorkville; Executive Committee, Messrs. Moran, Carson, Purslow and Agnew. The election of President of the General Association was by acclamation. The re-election of Messrs. McMurchy and McAllister to the positions they have so long and ably filled was a fitting recognition of the manner in which they have laboured for many years for the success of the Association.

Dr. May, of the Education Department, who has been appointed one of the Secretaries of the Paris Exposition Commission, and was mainly instrumental in organizing the Teachers' Excursion to the

Centennial last year, proposed to the Ontario Teachers' Association, at its recent annual meeting, a similar excursion to Paris in 1878. A committee was appointed to ascertain the best way of carrying out such a project, and to take steps to give effect to Dr. May's suggestions. The Committee met subsequently and organized with T. Kirkland, M.A., as permanent Chairman, and W. Houston, M.A., as Secretary, the latter gentleman, as well as Dr. Kelly and one or two others, having been added to its membership by the committee itself. After hearing Dr. May's views at some length, it was resolved to communicate with the teachers of other Provinces with a view to securing their co-operation.

#### QUEBEC.

According to the official programme of studies, Sacred History and Canadian History only are studied in the Elementary and Model Schools, which correspond to the Public Schools of Ontario. In the Academies, which correspond to High Schools in some degree, history is prescribed in the following order: (1.) History of Canada, (2) France, (3) England, (4) U. States.

Many of the prizes sent out by the Council of Public Instruction are works of Canadian authors. The writings of Ferland, Chauveau, De Gaspe, Guerin, Lajoie, Lemay and others cannot fail to excite a strong interest in Canadian subjects.

The Roman Catholic Board of Examiners of Candidates for the office of School Inspector consists of the Rev. Messrs. Verreau and Lagacé, Hon. M. Chauveau, P. T. Murphy, Esq., and Dr. Hubert Larue. Each candidate must be over 25 and under 60 years of age. He must produce (1) a baptismal certificate, (2) a diploma of qualification from one of the Normal Schools or Boards of Examiners of the Province, (3) a testimonial from the schools in which he has taught during the last preceding five years, (4) a certificate of good conduct. He must also be examined in: (1) The branches of School Instruction, (2) The Art of Teaching, (3) The School Laws, (4) Construction of School Buildings. Also he must compose a theme on a proposed subject, and be able to translate French into English and *vice versa*.

The English Examiners, sanctioned by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, are Morrison's, Bain's First English Grammar, Lennie's, and Bullion's. The Board of Examiners, however, recommend Morrell as a guide to the character of the questions to be asked on certain subjects to candidates for Model School and Academy diplomas.

On and after the first Tuesday of November, 1877, Protestant candidates for Diplomas coming before Protestant and mixed Boards will be examined by written or printed papers on every subject except dictation, reading and mental arithmetic. Papers prepared by a joint committee appointed for that purpose will be issued to all said Boards of Examiners.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction has been authorized by his Excellency the Lieut.-Governor in Council to organize the Depository for Books and other school necessities in accordance with the Act of the Provincial Legislature passed last session. The articles are to be sold to School Municipalities at cost price, plus cost of storage and dispatch.

At the last meeting of the Convocation of McGill University there were 13 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The opening of the new Normal School edifice in Fredericton came off with great *clat* a few weeks ago. Addresses were delivered by the Lieutenant-Governor, and a number of persons intimately connected with the work of public instruction. The most important address was the one made by Dr. Rand, Provincial Superintendent. The portion referring to training schools will be found elsewhere in this number. The greater part of the address was taken up with a review of the history of education in the Province, and a brief sketch of its present condition, which, according to all who alluded to it on the auspicious occasion, is extremely hopeful. In one part of his address, Dr. Rand says: "I have stated two or three leading facts by way of indicating what has been so far accomplished by our present law in respect of what is technically called the quantity of education. But the satisfactory solution of the problem of quantity is one thing: that of the problem of quality is another and more difficult thing. I have already stated that while the law proposes to provide the means of education for all the people, it also proposed to secure a quality of instruction good enough for all. Unless it intelligently employs such agencies as are adapted to secure this object, all other success is only seeming. But it cannot be attained in a day, and must always demand the