

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

OXFORD.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in the Town Hall, Woodstock, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 17th and 18th. Exercises—First day—9 to 10 a.m.—The Oxford Teachers' Association will be in session. 10 to 10.30 a.m.—English Verb, a Specimen Recitation, by Mr. Dd. Morrison, Master No. 12, Dorham. 10.30 to 11 a.m.—Mason's Analysis, by Mr. P. G. Donnocker, Master Otterville P. S. 11 to 12 a.m.—Unitary Method, by Mr. F. D. Brown, Principal Model School, Woodstock. 1.30 to 2 p.m.—Composition, How to Teach it, by Mr. J. W. Clark, Master No. 1, Dorham. 2 to 3 p.m.—Statics How to Study it, by the Venerable Archdeacon Sweatman, M.A. 3 to 3.30 p.m.—Algebra, How to Teach it to Junior Classes, by Mr. S. R. Gill, Master No. 7 E. Oxford. 3.30 to 4 p.m.—Spelling, How to Teach it, by Mr. J. S. Mercer, Master Norwich P. S. 4 to 5 p.m.—Hygiene, by Dr. Field, Woodstock. Second Day.—9 to 10 a.m.—Receiving Report on Organization. 10 to 11 a.m.—Reading, (1, 2, 3, and 4 Readers), How to Teach it, by Miss Fullerton, Central School, Ingersoll. 11 to 12 a.m.—English Literature, Entrance and Teachers' Examinations, by Mr. Geo. Strachon, H. M. H. S., Woodstock. 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.—Paper on Natural Science in Public Schools, by Mr. S. T. Ellis, B.A. Maths. Master H. S., Woodstock. 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—Rudimentary Chemistry, How to Teach it, by Professor Montgomery, Canadian Literary Institute, Woodstock. 3.30 to 5 p.m.—Miscellaneous. Besides those whose names appear in the programme of exercises, several Inspectors of other counties are expected to take part in the proceedings. On the evening of the first day a public meeting will be held, when Prof. Montgomery will give a lecture on Science, with experiments. Additional arrangements are making, including Music and Readings, that will add to the attractiveness of the evening entertainment. By order of the Committee on Arrangements,

W. CARLILE,
Inspector P. S.

GEO. STRACHON, H. M. H. S., Woodstock,
Secretary of Committee.

EAST VICTORIA.

The Convention will be held at the Separate School, Lindsay, commencing on Friday, April 5th, at 10 a.m. Programme:—Friday, April 5th, 10 a.m. Class Registers, Mr. Knight. 11 a.m.—Arithmetic, Dr. McLellan. 2 p.m.—Election of Officers. 2.30 p.m.—Grammar, Mr. Swift. 3.15 p.m.—Algebra, Dr. McLellan. 4.15 p.m.—Map Geography, Mr. Hallett. 5 p.m.—Question Drawer. 7.30 p.m.—Reading, Dr. McLellan. 8.30 p.m.—Lecture, Hon. A. Crooks. Saturday, April 6th.—9 a.m.—Prizes, Mr. Irwin. 9.45 a.m.—Mental Arithmetic, Dr. McLellan. 10.30 a.m.—Geometry, Mr. McDonald. 11.15 a.m.—History, Mr. Dobson. J. H. KNIGHT, P. S. Inspector.

PRINCE EDWARD.

The Association met on February 1st and 2nd. The attendance was very good, and the interest manifested unusually great. The following is the programme of the work done:—Grammar for Junior Classes, Mr. W. R. Brown. Employment of School Time, Inspector Platt. Statics, Mr. B. Martin. Conversational Lessons, Inspector Platt. Algebra, Dr. McLellan. Intellectual Arithmetic, Mr. W. R. Miller. Arithmetic, Dr. McLellan. Grammar for Senior Classes, Mr. G. E. Crawford. Reading, Dr. McLellan. Dr. McLellan delivered his popular lecture on "Canada's Elements of National Power," on the evening of the 1st to a large audience.

SOUTH HASTINGS.—The semi-annual meeting of this Institute was held in the assembly room of the Union School, in the City of Belleville, on Friday and Saturday, 15th and 16th ult. The attendance was very large, nearly every teacher in South Hastings, and a large number of the friends of education from the city and surrounding country, being present. The proceedings were unusually interesting, in consequence of the attendance of Dr. McLellan, High School Inspector, who took a very prominent part in the proceedings. Dr. McLellan explained the method of teaching Arithmetic, Algebra and Reading. Professor Dawson gave addresses on Composition and English Literature for 3rd Class Teachers. Inspector Johnston explained how to teach Arithmetic to Junior Classes; Professor Macoun, Geographical Distribution of Plants and Animals; Mr. Irwin, Geography; Mr. Kenny, Grammar; and Mr. Swayze, Writing Master in the Public Schools of Belleville, Penmanship.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.—On Friday and Saturday, 25th and 26th Feb., the teachers of South Wellington and the town of Guelph held their first regular meeting in the Central School. The attendance was large, about one hundred teachers being present, and the meeting was a grand success. Besides the local talent, Dr. McLellan, Senior High School Inspector, and Prof. Young, chairman of the Central Committee, were present, and delivered addresses of a most interesting and practical character. Mr. Young's address on "Some relations between Psychology and Education" was especially good, and showed how simple and interesting metaphysical subjects may become when treated by so eminent a teacher. Mr. Tytler, President of the Association, read a paper on "The Entrance Examination." He explained the nature of many of its advantages; had no sympathy with those who thought Arithmetic was receiving undue prominence, but regretted that History had been added to the list of subjects. Mr. Boyle, of Elora, gave a very practical address on "Educational Hobbies."

NORTH GREY.—The first Convention of the North Grey Teachers' Association, at which there was a good attendance of teachers of both

sexes, was held in Owen Sound on the 7th and 8th ult., and passed off in a manner that far surpassed the most sanguine expectations of those interested. The success attending this Convention was undoubtedly largely due to the presence of the Provincial President, Dr. McLellan, High School Inspector. An essay on the new system of time tables was read by Mr. Bonner; Mr. Ferguson gave a paper on the teaching of Geography; and John Armstrong, B. A., of the Owen Sound High School, gave an address on the teaching of Analysis. On Thursday afternoon Dr. McLellan gave an address on Reading, during which he recited the "Battle of Waterloo," and part of the "Address of Marco Anthony at the funeral of Caesar." On Friday the doctor gave another address on "How to teach Arithmetic and Algebra," handling the subject in an easy and masterly manner. In the evening he delivered his lecture on "This Canada of Ours."

Readings and Recitations.

COMBAT BETWEEN FITZ-JAMES AND RODERICK DHU.

ARRANGED AS A DIALOGUE BY J. HUGHES.

Believing that a few of the incidents given in narrative form by Scott and others may be presented in a more impressive manner in dramatic order; and with a view of supplying dialogues of a standard character, which will yet be very attractive to all audiences, it is proposed to give occasionally adaptations of some of the most striking scenes in the works of English Authors.

The characters should be dressed in appropriate costume. Foils should be used instead of swords. If the piece is performed with spirit, it is certain to be interesting to spectators.

SCENE I.

Enter FITZ-JAMES (*Kneeling, with a braid of hair in his hand, which he fixes on his breast as he speaks*).

Fitz-James. Poor Blanche! no more by Devon-side
Thou'lt search for him who bravely died
Defending thee, his new-made bride.
Thy blood poured out for me demands
A signal vengeance at my hands,
And though Red Murdoch low docs lie
His rebel chieftain too must die.
By Him whose word is truth! I swear
No other favour will I wear,
Till this sad token I imbue
In the best blood of Roderick Dhu!
But hark! what means yon faint halloo?
Like bloodhounds now they seek me out;
I hear the whistle and the shout
Well, I can perish sword in hand!

Roderick. Thy name and purpose! Saxon, Stand!
Fitz. A Stranger.

Rod. What dost thou require?
Fitz. Rest and a guide, and food and fire;
My life's beset, my path is lost,
The gale has chilled my limbs with frost.
Rod. Art thou a friend to Roderick?
Fitz. No.

Rod. Thou darest not call thyself his foe.
Fitz. I dare! to him and all the band
He brings to aid his murderous hand!
Rod. Bold words, brave youth; they surely lie
Who said thou camest a secret spy!
Fitz. "They do, indeed!—Come Roderick Dhu,
And of his clan the boldest two,
And let me but till morning rest,
I write the falsehood on their crest."—

Rod. Stranger, I am to Roderick Dhu
A clansman born, a kinsman true;
Each word against his honour spoke,
Demands of me avenging stroke;
Yet more, upon thy fate, 'tis said,
A mighty augury is laid.
It rests with me to wind my horn,—
Thou art with numbers overborne;
It rests with me, here, brand to brand,
Worn as thou art, to bid thee stand;
But, not for clan, nor kindred's cause,
Will I depart from honour's laws;
To assail a wearied man were shame,
And stranger is a holy name;
Guidance and rest, and food and fire,
In vain he never must require.
Then rest thee here till dawn of day;
Myself will guide thee on the way,
O'er stock and stone, through wath and ward,