

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.

PRINCE EDWARD Co.—The semi-annual convention of the teachers of Prince Edward Co. held Oct. 27th and 28th, 1882, was called to order by the president and opened by prayer. The minutes of last session read and adopted. Copies of the "New Regulations" being distributed among the teachers, some practical hints were given by the inspector, G. D. Platt, B.A., as to the working of the same. The subject of music was next introduced by H. M. Faul, who illustrated his method on the blackboard, in a clear and satisfactory manner. The subject of "Advanced Arithmetic" was next brought forward by S. E. Mastin, who dwelt chiefly upon the contracted method of multiplication of numbers. Dr. McLellan, being introduced to the convention, took up the subject "Good questioning and bad." A short discussion next followed on our present series of school readers, which was introduced by W. J. Osborne. The feeling of the convention being unanimous in condemning the books. Dr. McLellan next took up the subject of "Elementary Language Lessons," giving some very useful and practical hints as to the teaching of the same. In the evening the Dr. delivered a lecture in the town hall on the subject "Ten Years Educational Progress" to a crowded house, which was highly instructive. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered the Dr. moved by Rev. Mr. Gorman seconded by Rev. Mr. Coulthard. The second day's proceedings were opened by Dr. McLellan who introduced the subject "Moral Culture in Schools" in which the Dr. expressed himself as believing that the teachers' profession was second to none, and in their hands were placed the great moral training of the rising generation. He believed they would do all in their power to raise the standard. The subject of "Physical Education" was next discussed by R. W. Murray giving a chapter from his own diary "how he had lost his health, how regained." He believed it to be as much the duty of the teacher to look after the pupils physical health as his intellectual attainments. Dr. McLellan next introduced the subject "Memory as affected by Cram," noticing only a few of the thoughts in connection with the subject. Primary ideas:—Time and place, cause and effect, similarity and control, association of ideas. Secondary ideas:—Vivacity of expression (the teacher should be vivacious), repetition, the state of bodily power, the power of concentration. The election of officers was proceeded with immediately after the opening of the afternoon session, which resulted as follows: President, R. W. Murray; 1st vice, J. Kenney; 2nd vice, Miss Fanny Gillespie; secretary, R. B. Mastin; treasurer, G. D. Platt, B.A.; executive committee, R. Dobson, B.A., W. Benson, F. Goodman, Miss Hicks, Miss J. Gillespie. Dr. McLellan next presented the subject "The Teacher and his Work." R. Dobson, B.A. next gave a short discourse on the theory of reading. A vote of thanks was moved by R. Dobson, seconded by J. Kenney, and presented to Dr. McLellan for his able and instructive addresses during the convention. After the adoption of the following resolution the convention was brought to a close:—*Resolved*:—We the teachers of the county of Prince Edward, desire to place on record our deep sense of the loss sustained to the cause of education, in the death of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, who for nearly half a century guided the educational affairs of this province, and to whose wise conception and great administrative ability we owe our present excellent, comprehensive, and unequalled system of national education.—R. B. MASTIN, Sec.

NORFOLK Co.—The above association met at the model school, Simcoe on Friday and Saturday Nov. 3rd and 4th. In the absence of the president the Rev. Geo. Grant, B.A., occupied the chair. Mr. S. C. Woodworth opened the programme with a comprehensive discourse on arithmetic for junior classes. G. W. Ross, Esq., M.P., followed in an eloquent appeal on behalf of school routine. This subject he handled in a masterly manner making a fitting prelude for the teachers' minds before engaging their attention with more theoretical subjects. "Make it easy to do right and hard to do wrong," (Gladstone), should be the maxim of all teachers. In the afternoon grammar as an intellectual attraction for young minds was treated of in an essay by Mr. J. G. House. If all intelligent people would listen to Mr. Ross in his clear elucidation of the so often met with impediments to good reading, each one would be convinced that attention to the dictates of common sense would render good reading universal. Mr. Stickney entertained his hearers with a sketch of instruction as imparted by ocular demonstration to the deaf and dumb. Mr. W. W. Pegg followed with a sketch of work done in an institution for deaf mutes at Chatanqua. The evening session was a time for deep reflection when the subjects, of moral influence in our schools and the intellectual forces, were brought up. The Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A. prefaced Mr. Ross, strongly advocating a further extension of moral influence in Canadian schools; this gentleman also urged that university education be opened to women. Mr. Ross treated his subject under the three fold division of discrimination, retentiveness,

constructiveness, and closed his remarks with a vivid picture of the influence for good or for evil that the teacher has on his scholars. *Second Day.* Dr. Wadsworth in his usual happy strain invited the teachers present to give their opinion regarding the scheme just began by the association, of uniform promotion examination which in the course of his labours as inspector he had found to be generally satisfactory, and a spirited discussion ensued with regard to the benefits derived from the time best fitted for holding, and questions set in, the papers. Mr. Ross then followed with his technically called "Dialogue for Teachers" and five of the royal commands were given with their individual application. Mr. Ross then withdrew carrying away with him the best wishes and highest appreciation of his services so happily rendered during his short visit. Intellectual work of the highest order now formed the next part of the programme, this intricate work was intrusted to W. W. Rutherford, Esq., B.A. of Port Rowan, whose mathematical skill was exhibited in a high degree on this occasion; taking algebra in its over varied peculiarities for the space of an hour the gentleman kept his promiscuous hearers in a state of the utmost attention. The proceedings closed in the afternoon after discussions on the pros and cons of corporal punishment were pretty thoroughly ventilated. The following were declared officers of the association:—Messrs. Wadsworth, Grant, Woodworth, Pegg, Smith and E. H. Carpenter, (Sec.)

NORTH YORK.—This association held its regular half-yearly meeting at the Newmarket model school, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13th and 14th. After routine, Miss Jessie Birnie illustrated her "Method of Teaching Second Class Pupils to read Poetry." No criticism. Mr. Geo. Rose next introduced his subject of "Teaching Simple Rules of Arithmetic by using the Calculator." Friendly criticism followed freely by Messrs. Brodie, McMahn, Moore, Bannic, and the president. The principle point of discussion was, whether it was proper for the teacher to repeat the answer given by the pupil. Finally, with slight opposition, a motion was put and carried condemning the practice. "How to obtain regular attendance at school," was next taken up by Mr. Jewitt. Discussion by the president (Mr. Forthingham), Messrs. Kannie, Terry, McMahn and Rose. At the afternoon session, Mr. W. A. J. Martin took up analysis and parsing, V. Book, "Richard's Despair," Act III, Scene 2, taking the convention as a class. The committee on uniform promotion examinations then reported. On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause and adopted. J. E. Dickson, B.A., of the Newmarket high school, then brought forward his subject, viz: "The use of Globes in the School room." Mr. Dickson very profitably occupied the time until five o'clock. On Friday evening, Thos. Kirkland, M.A., of the Toronto model school, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture, entitled: "Succession of life upon the Earth," illustrated with the stereopticon. As the lecture lasted until ten o'clock, no further entertainment was provided. On Saturday morning Mr. Forthingham, inspector of the northern division, took up the subject of "Drawing," after which Prof. Kirkland introduced the subject of "Combustion." It was decided that the only periodical provided by the association for 1883 be the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. In arranging the programme for next session, a new feature was introduced, viz: The appointment of critics for each subject.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Held in the collegiate institute buildings, Cobourg, on Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th, October. The exercises were opened punctually at 10 a.m. the president, Mr. G. Dowler in the chair. The association proceeded at once to discuss whether it would be in the interest of the teaching profession in this county, to continue the present system of semi-annual meetings, or to substitute therefore yearly meetings and monthly (or quarterly) township conventions. The question was finally laid over for future consideration. The "New P.S. Programme" was severely criticized by Mr. D. Robertson whose essay on the subject elicited frequent applause. He was requested to allow his essay to be published. School hygiene was discussed in a thoroughly practical manner by Mr. H. M. Hicks, B.A., of Colborne. Mr. Geo. Kirk next illustrated, in a very interesting manner, his method of presenting "Fourth Class Arithmetic." Mr. John McColl then addressed the association on "Dull pupils, etc." In the evening J. L. Hughes, I.P.S., Toronto, delivered an admirable lecture on the "Kindergarten." *Friday.* "Literature for third and fourth Classes" was introduced by Mr. D. E. Stephenson. W. S. Ellis, B.Sc., next gave numerous valuable "Short methods" in arithmetic. An excellent paper on "History" by R. Ferguson, B.A., was, in the absence of that gentleman, read by Mr. Odium, B.A. A vote of thanks was tendered each and Mr. Ferguson was requested to allow his essay to be published. The sum of \$30 was voted to aid the teachers in procuring the Toronto educational journals at reduced cost. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—W. S. Ellis, B.A., B.Sc., president; H. M. Hicks, B.A., vice-president; D. E. Stephenson, sec-treasurer; committee of management, Messrs. McHenry, M.A., Dowler, Ash, Robertson, and Scarlett, I.P.S. In accordance with a notice of motion given by Mr. J. V. Black at the previous meeting in Brighton it was *Resolved*:—That any person convicted of supplanting another teacher, or of aiding, abetting, or in any way countenancing the same, shall be declared in-