

paration of teaching plans. Children who need special help in their studies will feel free to ask for it during these periods. Teachers may arrange to give the special help at either of these periods, but it is believed the morning period is the better. Special help is individual in its nature and should be carefully adapted to each pupil. Mass instruction during these periods is to be avoided. The half-hour period from 3.30 to 4 o'clock is the only penalty period provided during the day. This is not intended for the unfortunate laggards but as punishment for misconduct. If there are no pupils to be punished for misconduct, the teacher may leave the building at 3.30. To require children who need special help to remain for it at the end of the day, or to require them to remain as a penalty for needing help, cannot fail to have an unfavourable influence upon the learning powers and habitual attitude of those children toward study. This is why it is requested that no study shall be imposed upon such children during the penalty period. The necessities of the home and of anxious parenthood have made it seem wise to require that no child shall be kept after 4 o'clock; and the board has so ordered.—*Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.*

The first school fair ever held in Cobourg took place recently, and proved a great success. Similar fairs have been held in this county this year at Warkworth and Wooler. Ten schools from Hamilton and Haldimand townships competed.

The school fairs for Windham and Middleton rural schools were held in Courtland and Windham Centre on the same days as the fall fairs.

The rural school fairs have proven a revelation to the township fairs wherever held and the idea is rapidly spreading. The seeds and egg sets, which were furnished by the agricultural department have turned out most successfully and the number of exhibits entered and the eagerness with which the pupils are contesting all go to show that the fairs this year will be a success. The prize list includes displays of grain, vegetables and fruit besides sewing, cooking, woodwork, plant collections and poultry exhibits.

The North Wellington Teachers' Association held their thirty-eighth annual meeting in Mount Forest, at which Inspector Robert Galbraith presided. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Hon. President, Inspector Galbraith, Mount Forest; Pres., Miss Marion Oliver, Palmerston; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Stuart, Palmerston; Treasurer, Robert Galbraith; Secretary, Miss Jessie Craigmill, Harriston; Managing Committee, the Palmerston teachers and Miss Clara Black and Miss Agnes Thompson. Palmerston was selected as the next place of meeting.

At the close of their convention the South York Teachers' Association elected Mr. Gilchrist to succeed Mr. J. H. Beamish as