

Owing to various causes, such as the effect of holding annual meetings at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and change of time of meeting, it became evident to the well-wishers of educational progress that a thorough revision of the Constitution was necessary. Accordingly, a special session of the Convention was devoted to this delicate business. In this revision we notice the change of name from Ontario Teachers' Association to "Educational Association of Ontario," also the division of educational men into six departments, viz.: University and College, High Schools, Public Schools, Inspectors, Training and Kindergarten, and lastly, reserving the evening sessions for the Association in order to overtake the proper consideration and discussion of general topics in which all educators of the Province are interested, thus leaving a large amount of time for the work of specialists and at the same time avoiding the unseemly procedure of holding any meeting when the sessions of the general body are in progress.

All these matters are of importance to the well-being of the country; for we hold that the teachers and their doings have much to do with the real life of a people. They are the makers and prophets of a people.

Happy the people and well-favoured who have a dauntless, seeing, speaking, spiritual Association of prophets, nurtured in freedom, robed with intelligence and girdled with truth. In perpetuity may the Educational Association of Ontario besuch: let it preserve and hand on for generations the same lamps of liberty and progress. The future looks fair and the promise of an abundant harvest is in sight.

HON. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.

BORN in Perthshire in 1822, an emigrant to Canada in 1842, elected to Parliament in 1861 as representative for the County of Lambton,

Mr. Mackenzie took a leading place among the public men of the country. On the defeat of the Government of Sir John Macdonald in 1873, Mr. Mackenzie became the Prime Minister of the Dominion, holding that position till the defeat of his administration in 1878.

During the past few years Mr. Mackenzie's health has been so poor that he was not able to take an active part in parliamentary life, but all the while he was solicitously interested in all that concerned his adopted country.

Mr. Mackenzie's career affords another illustration of the open field which the British Empire offers to all her sons. He began life in his native land as a stonemason; in that calling he did good and honourable work in Canada; carefully husbanding his time, as many a one before him did, he prepared himself for the onerous and anxious duties of public life. The institutions of his country place no bar in the way of such a man, and when his country called for a Prime Minister, Mr. Alexander Mackenzie was ready. All men honour the upright conduct and good intentions of the departed ex-Prime Minister. All Canadian youths will be inspired by observing the recognition which all men are ready to bestow upon integrity, talents and diligence. To the conscientious public servant, we say, *Requiescat in pace.*

IN MEMORIAM: MISS A. CLOUGH.

DIED FEBRUARY 28, 1892.

Esteem'd, admir'd, below'd,—farewell!

Alas! what need hadst thou of peace?

Our bitterest winter tolls the bell,

And tolls, and tolls, and will not cease.

It tolls, and tolls, with plangorous tongue,

For empty lives and hearts unblest'd

And tolls for thee whose heart was young,

Whose life was full of hope and rest.