

cated its being taught in the intermediate grades because many of the children leave school when they pass out of these grades. The subject was well discussed by Profs. Anderson and Mellish and Messrs. McLellan, Larkin, Curran, Stewart, and McPhail. The public meeting in the evening was held in the Assembly Hall of Prince Street School, and was largely attended. Mr. Montgomery occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with a brief speech. Short addresses were then given by Rev. Mr. Nicholls, of Montreal; Rev. Mr. Richardson, of St. Eleanor's; Rev. G. W. Hodgson, Hon. David Laird, D. Farquharson, Esq., M.P.P., and Mr. J. L. Roberts n. Between the addresses a choir, composed of about 100 pupils of Prince Street School, ably led by Miss E. Barr, sang a number of nice songs. Miss McLeod presided at the organ. The first business on re-assembling the following morning was the appointment of a committee on nomination of officers for the ensuing year, after which Mr. Larkin brought before the convention the importance of attending to some of the suggestions given in the speeches of the previous evening; namely, more effective inspection of schools, better adornment of school-rooms and premises, and the cultivation of polite manners among the pupils. He then handed in a motion to the effect that the school year should commence 1st November instead of 1st July, and the annual meeting of the ratepayers be held the third Tuesday in September. He gave many sound reasons for this change. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. McSwain, and after a lively discussion, in which Messrs. J. Arbuckle, J. M. Duncan, Clay, and Stewart took part, it was carried and ordered to be submitted to the House of Assembly with a memorial praying that the change be made. Mr. McGrath read a paper on "Our School Teachers," in which he showed how some teachers fail in their work, and gave a few excellent practical hints for their guidance. He complained of the smallness of salaries compared with the importance of the work. Miss E. Barr read a splendid paper on "The Teaching Profession," which was highly appreciated. Rev. J. Burwash expressed his satisfaction at the nature of the papers read. A discussion arising out of Mr. McGrath's paper relative to increase of salaries was then carried on for some time by Miss M. Lawson, Messrs. J. D. Seaman, Larkin, N. McLeod, and Alex. McDonald, but no action was taken. In the afternoon the president announced that 146 members had joined the Association. This number was the highest yet obtained. The Committee on Resolutions brought in the following:—(1) "Believing that the use of a school magazine would help teachers in their practical work as well as improve their knowledge of educational matters generally, therefore resolved, that this Association endorse the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL as the educational organ for the teachers of this province, and that the members use their influence to promote its circulation." (2) "Whereas it has been brought to our notice that after the expenses of the Association have been met a considerable surplus will remain in the hands of the treasurer; and whereas this surplus should be expended so as to be most beneficial to the members of this Association, therefore resolved, that said surplus be expended in the purchase of books with the view of establishing a library." The first resolution was carried unanimously; the second was, on the motion of Mr. Larkin, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, held over for a year. The election of officers was then proceeded with. The Committee on Nominations had named Mr. Montgomery for president and Mr. J. D. Seaman secretary-treasurer, but these gentlemen having declined to act, the committee brought in another report, which was adopted as follows:—President, Mr. J. McSwain; Vice-Presidents, Misses Snaddon and Cunningham, Messrs. N. McLeod and P. Curran; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Gaul; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. E. McKinnon; Executive Committee, Miss Barr, Messrs. J. D. Seaman, D. Gallant, and E. Stewart. Mr. McSwain then took the chair and briefly thanked the members. Mr. Larkin proposed a vote of thanks to the Chief Superintendent for the successful manner in which he had worked up the Association while president for five years; seconded by Mr. Gallant, and carried enthusiastically. On the motion of Mr. Mellish, seconded by Mr. N. McLeod, Mr. L. Miller, the retiring secretary, with other outgoing officers, received the hearty thanks of the Association. Mr. T. A. LePage gave a lucid and instructive paper on Composition and Analysis, which was discussed by Rev. D. McNeill, Prof. Anderson, Messrs. N. McLeod and A. McDonald. After a vote of thanks was given to the railway authorities for reduced fares, and another to the city school trustees for the use of the school-room, the convention adjourned. In the evening another public meeting was held, and every available space in the hall was occupied. Mr. McSwain presided, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The Lieutenant-Governor honored the meeting with his presence. The following programme was well rendered:—Instrumental solo, Miss Harvey; reading, Mr. T. A. LePage; song, Miss Clancey; reading, Miss McKinnon; song, Mr. A. P. McLellan; reading, Miss Wade; vocal duet, Miss Barr and McLeod; song, Miss Harris; reading, Miss E. Lawson; song, Miss McDonald; reading, Miss Barr; French song, Mr. D. Gallant; song, Miss McLeod; address, Rev. J. M. McLeod; address, Lieut.-Governor, Hon. A. A. McDonald; recitation, Mr. A. G. McDonald; finale, Auld Lang Syne.

**SOUTH GREY.**—At the Grey county convention held in Durham, Oct. 16th and 17th, there was a good attendance and a keen interest was shown in the subject under discussion. Mr. J. Winterborne gave an illustration of teaching a language lesson to a class of young pupils. Dr. Cun took up his subject "Dietetics." The essayist showed that the race is deteriorating, especially in large cities, where families often disappear after the third generation. In answer to several questions asked by Mr. Winterborne and others, the Dr. advised teachers to take only a lunch at noon and have dinner after the labors of the day were over. He also urged the necessity of physical exercise and recommended a walk of at least five miles a day. Mr. H. C. Rose discussed Teachers and teaching. His address was eloquent and practical. He believed that teachers leave the profession because they are so poorly remunerated—they are literally starved out. He advises a united effort to increase their salaries. A lively discussion followed in which Messrs. Thompson, Dixon, Campbell and Winterborne took part. Dr. Hixon supported the system of uniform promotion examinations. Among their advantages he mentioned the following:—1st. They form a sure and perfect basis for classification. 2nd. They prevent undue promotion. 3rd. They afford an incentive to work. 4th. They train pupils to pass future examinations. 5th. They excite public interest in the school. Some slight disadvantages were also mentioned. The uniform system of promotion was approved of, by the convention. In the evening a musical and literary entertainment was held, at which a very pleasant time was spent. The following day there was some discussion on the question of Township Associations. A committee was appointed who reported favorably of holding Township Associations. A second committee was appointed as follows for selecting the time and places of first meeting of the local associations and arranging programme therefor:—Artemesia—Monroe and Dixon; Bentinck—Nelly and Bell; Egremont—Sharp and Reid; Glenelg—McDonald and Binnie; Normanby—Ramage and Campbell; Osprey—McKay and Chant; Proton—Rundie and Gillespie. Mr. C. Ramage, delegate to the Provincial Association, read his report, which gave the essence of all the proceedings in expressive and apt language. A question on Corporal Punishment gave rise to quite a long discussion, in which Mr. Winterborne stated that there is no child living but can be won over by kindness, and when a teacher has to punish at all, the cause can be traced to some failure in himself as a teacher. Many of the teachers expressed a different opinion. Mr. J. S. Campbell gave an address on drawing in which he showed its great value as a means of training the hands and eyes. Mr. Jas. Binnie read an interesting paper on "Encouragements and Discouragements of Teachers." The essay was humorous and instructive. David Grier gave a carefully prepared address on "Public Opinion," in which he showed its great power for evil when not properly directed. Mr. Winterborne gave some valuable information about teaching grammar, arithmetic, and geography. He pointed out what should be taught to each class in these subjects. He also illustrated the best method of teaching arithmetic to very young pupils. Mr. Winterborne recommended to teachers the following works, as helps in the study of English:—Earle's Philology, Ayer's Orthoepist, and Whitney's Elementary Lessons in English. The meeting adjourned to meet at Flesherston on 28th and 29th May, 1885. This has proved one of the most useful and best attended meetings of the Association, about seventy teachers being present each day, besides several visitors from Durham and vicinity, prominent among whom were Revs. Forest and Park.

**DUFFERIN.**—The Dufferin Teachers' Association met here on the 10th October. The first session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Sherran, M.A., at 9:30. The minutes of last session were then read and adopted. Miss Cameron took up the subject of dictation but not having a class at her disposal her subject was withdrawn in order to procure a class. The subject of syntactical blunders was taken up by Mr. Crichton, B.A. He illustrated the subject by several examples. The second session was opened by the minutes of last session being read and adopted after which the subject of dictation was taught by Miss Cameron and criticised by Misses Anderson and Jelly and Mr. Acheson and Mr. McJim. The president then gave an able and excellent address in which he dealt largely upon "Superannuation fund." The Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, was presented with an address of welcome signed by the president on behalf of the Association after which the Hon. Minister gave a lecture on how "reading" should be taught in our schools. The second session was concluded by a lecture on elocution given by Miss Churchill. The third session was opened with prayer by Mr. McCormack. Mr. McArdle gave his method of teaching philosophy. An address on natural history was given by Mr. A. Sherran, M.A., for which he received a hearty vote of thanks. The fourth session was opened by an address by Dr. Lewis on hygiene. The Rev. Mr. McKay gave an elaborate and instructive essay on how study should be prosecuted, after which Miss Head gave a splendidly written essay on education. Mr. Steele gave a practical and instructive lecture on the object of public school work in which he touched on hygiene, ventilation heating of the school room, objects of teaching arithmetic, history, geography and reading. Mr. Steele received a well merited vote of thanks for his excellent lecture. The Rev. Mr. McKay closed the meeting with prayer.