

gained by Mr. G. E. Shaw, of St. Louis; Messrs. L. E. Embree, of Toronto, and T. C. L. Armstrong, of Whitby, taking silver medals. The gold medal in Natural Sciences was awarded to Mr. W. Fletcher, and silver medals to Messrs. T. H. Smyth, J. McCoy, of Hamilton, and J. Wilke, of Guelph. The gold medallist in Metaphysics is Mr. T. Carscadden, of Kendall; and silver medallists, Messrs. F. R. Beattie, A. P. McDiarmid, of Nova Scotia, and J. McMurchie, of Clinton. The prizes for French and German were taken by Mr. G. E. Shaw, and those for Oriental languages in the third, second and first years, by Messrs. E. Harris of Woodstock, A. Baird, of St. Mary's, and J. P. Balfour, of Whitby.

—We learn from the *Liberal* that a meeting of the County of Oxford Teachers' Association was held at Ingersoll on Friday and Saturday, May 21st and 22nd. The greater part of the first day was taken up with a discussion on Grammar and Reading, the subject being introduced by Messrs. Frazer and Huntsman respectively. "The best means of advancing the teacher's position" was a topic discussed at length. Mr. McIntyre, Principal of the High School, and Mr. Carlyle, P. S. Inspector, took part in the discussion—the former indicating, as excellent means for the above purpose, "hard work, close application to study, and a higher standard of examinations." On Saturday the subject of "Time Tables" was taken up, after which an address on "Practical Knowledge" was delivered by Mr. Chadwick, Chairman of the Ingersoll Board of Trustees. The address will be published in the *ONTARIO TEACHER*, by the request of the Association. After a discussion on "Proportion," a purse of not less than \$2.60 was offered by Mr. Clarke to the teacher who will present at the next meeting of the Association the best timetable suitable for the first five classes in a rural school of about forty-five pupils. Mr. Huntsman offered prizes of \$2 and \$1, respectively, for the best and second-best timetables suited for the first four classes in a school similar to the above. It was resolved that the meetings of the Association be held annually, instead of semi-annually, as heretofore, and that the Inspector be requested to convene township conventions at suitable times. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President,

C. J. Frazer; 1st Vice-President, John W. Clarke; 2nd Vice-President, J. E. Dennis; Secretary and Treasurer, J. S. McKay; Executive Committee, Messrs. Huntsman, Sherwood, Gard, Mercer and Miss Maggie M. Ross.

—The Annual Meeting of the Huron Teachers' Association was held in Clinton on Friday and Saturday, June the 11th and 12th. The meeting was opened at 10 a.m. on Friday, Mr. S. Hicks, Vice-President, in the chair. After the transaction of preliminary business, Mr. Hicks introduced the subject of Object Lessons, which was well received. The first subject in the afternoon was a paper by Miss C. Mustard, of Wingham. The title was, "Education Required by Canadian Children," and was prepared and read in a manner highly creditable to that young lady. Mr. Miller, I. P. S. for the Western District, then proceeded with an Address on Competitive Examinations. He gave Comparative Statements, showing the percentage obtained in the examinations held recently in the several municipalities. These showed the schools to be in a very satisfactory state, highly creditable to the teachers, and also to the Inspector, who has contributed so largely to the proficiency of the schools under his charge. In the evening Dr. McLellan delivered an eloquent and instructive lecture in the Town Hall, to a large audience. His subject was "Elements of National Greatness," and was highly appreciated, as was shown by the loud and frequent applause given during its delivery. The Mayor, R. Callander, Esq., occupied the chair, and on the platform were several members of the Council, the Boards of High and Public School Trustees, the County Inspector, the High School Masters, Principal of the Central School, &c. A vote of thanks, proposed by the Reeve, Mr. A. S. Fisher, and seconded by the editor of the *New Era* Mr. E. Holmes, was presented to Dr. McLellan for his able and instructive lecture, after which the meeting closed with the singing of the National anthem. On Saturday morning Mr. H. I. Strang, B. A., took up his subject "Difficulties in Analysis and Parsing." This he handled very ably, which was followed by an interesting and intelligent discussion by many of the Teachers. Mr. Strang was requested to continue the subject at the next meeting of the Association.