

Bank Discount, by Mr. R. M. Graham, of London. After that the session continued jointly with the Sanitary Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Managing Committee was authorized to examine and settle the accounts.

Mr. Balfour, of Ilderton, moved, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that the Managing Committee be directed to have the President's paper on "The Sanitary Condition of our Schools" printed and sent to the teachers to be distributed among the ratepayers before the annual meetings. Carried.

"History for the Entrance Examination" was discussed by Messrs. Honner, Eckert, and others. A vote showed that the majority of the teachers would be in favour of retaining the subject in the 4th class and for the High School entrance examination, if a definite period was assigned.

Mr. McQueen, of London South, described a novel method he had tried of training the children to guard the correctness of their speech. The plan was to provide a leather medal, which was presented to the first one who made a solecism in school hours. The recipient kept the medal till he had an opportunity of giving it to some other transgressing pupil. Mr. McQueen created considerable merriment in describing how on one occasion he received the leathern badge himself.

Mr. W. Kerr, of Arva, spoke of the cost and results of a trial of the tonic-sol-fa system of teaching singing. He had sung and used to teach children by the old notation, but his want of success induced him to consult Mr. W. J. Freeland of London. He went back to his school and arranged for the consent of the authorities to have Mr. Freeland give an introductory lesson, and so well pleased were all with the result of this lesson that it was decided to engage Mr. Freeland to give the series. Before half the course was completed, at an expense of less than \$10, the children were enabled to sing a "round" in three parts at sight. The cost to the section for the whole course was from \$1.50 to \$2 a lesson for a series of fifteen to twenty lessons.

The question was proposed, "Which is the best headline copy book?"

Mr. Eckert showed that if headline copy books were used at all, Beatty's new and improved had the most advantages.

Mr. Graham pointed out the greater elasticity and cheapness of having a series of headlines detached from the copy books, but thought it was better still that writing should be taught from the blackboards on good writing paper without headlines. A vote being taken, the Association declared in

favour of Mr. Eckert's opinion as to the best copybooks.

"The Honour Roll, how to make and use it," was treated by Mr. Copeland. He exhibited an attractive roll formed of cardboard, worked in Berlin wool, with spaces left, behind which to insert the names of deserving pupils.

The Association then adjourned to hear the addresses on Infectious Diseases in Schools, delivered in the court-house by Drs. Wright, of Detroit, and Cl. T. Campbell, of London.

Inspector Dearnness, Inspector of Schools, county of Middlesex, now delivered his address on the Hygienic Condition of Rural Schools. In introducing the subject the speaker referred to the unduly low estimation in which the life and health of the young is held by the general public. In reply to the question "Whose funeral?" it is not uncommon to hear, "It's only a child's." Another fallacy is that children are "young and strong and can stand anything." The high rate of mortality among children is a disgrace to our civilization. It is difficult to estimate the pecuniary value of an average life. Before the American war the slave-dealer thought an able-bodied man worth \$2,000, and while perhaps no one would venture to fix the millions annually lost to our country by preventable mortality, it would not be a long sum in addition to tell how much the Government spends in the only effective remedy, the diffusion of hygienic knowledge among the masses. I am a politician who believes it is the duty of the country to spend more money on preserving and fortifying the lives we have, and less on the importation of foreigners. The subject of school hygiene was treated under the following headings: Ventilation and Warming, Water Supply, Sewerage, Furniture, Cleanliness and School Age.

NORTH HASTINGS.—The annual meeting of this Association was held at Madoc on Thursday and Friday, the 16th and 17th Nov. About sixty teachers were present.

The morning of Thursday was occupied with routine business. Reports were received from the treasurer and delegates to the Provincial Association. The election of officers resulted as follows: President—T. T. Grimmer; Vice-President—Miss Henry; Secretary—W. H. Jenkins; Treasurer—Miss McDermid; Librarian—W. Clark; Executive Committee—Messrs. Britton and Bellis, and Messrs. Morton, McCabe, Shannon and Stevenson.

A short discussion on Promotion Examinations followed. The opinion of the Association was that these examinations have been productive of much good. The principal