

Mr. Wood gave a lesson on how to teach reading. This gentleman has evidently given particular attention to this subject.

Mr. Maxwell, Mathematical Master in the High School, read an admirable essay on the art of questioning. He succeeded in saying all that is worth anything on this department of school work. He was asked to hand his essay to the Executive Committee for publication. A vote of thanks was tendered to him.

There were only a few questions in the drawer; these elicited some lively discussion, after which the association adjourned.

EAST MIDDLESEX TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The eleventh regular meeting of the East Middlesex Teachers' Association was held in the County Buildings in the city of London, Friday and Saturday, February 26th & 27th last.

The meeting was opened in due form at one p.m., the President, Mr. Dearness, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The reports of Committees on Arrangements, Library, and Finance were read and adopted. Some accounts were passed.

Mr. Black illustrated his method of teaching to beginners in a very satisfactory and profitable manner. An exceedingly interesting discussion ensued, during which Messrs. Hoyt, Stock, Faucett, Lynam, Rakestraw and the President made some valuable suggestions concerning the cure of impediments in speech, stammering, faults such as reading too low, too fast, &c.

Commercial Arithmetic was next introduced by the Secretary, Mr. Stewart, followed by several teachers showing their methods of teaching interest, &c.

Mr. Morehouse showed his method of teaching writing, treated of the manner of holding the pen, position of the pupil, &c.

At the evening session the President, Messrs. Carson, Groat, Stillwell, and Eckert, spoke on examinations, drawing attention to causes of failure and their remedies with direction and advice to intending candidates. The President then gave explanations and solutions, taking the last arithmetic papers.

The Association resumed on Saturday morning, the first business being a vote of

condolence to Mr. Woodburn, Teacher No. 1, London, on account of the sickness of himself and family.

Mr. Sutherland gave notice that he would move at the next Annual Convention "that the engagement of a teacher by a Board of Trustees in this Inspectoral Division would constitute him or her a member of the Association."

Mr. Lynam gave notice that he would move to reduce the fees of male members one-half and admit ladies free.

After methods of teaching Arithmetical Reduction were discussed, the Rev. Mr. Gordon delivered an able and instructive address on the "Relation of the teacher to the Pupil," which was listened to with deep interest.

On motion of Mr. Eckert, seconded by Mr. Wright, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Gordon, who suitably replied.

On motion of Mr. Black, the Association requested Mr. Gordon to allow his address to be published in the *ONTARIO TEACHER*, which request was granted.

Dr. A. J. Campbell, of London, in a very lucid manner, gave his method of object-teaching, introducing it by a history and description of Pestalozzi's labors.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Campbell, on motion of Mr. Hoyt.

Some routine business was then transacted, and the Association adjourned, to meet the last Friday and Saturday in June.

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The Council met a few days ago, when there were present, Very Rev. H. J. Grasset, B.D., the Chairman; the Chief Superintendent of Education; the Reverend J. Jennings, D.D.; His Grace the Most Reverend J. J. Lynch, D.D.; Mr. Hammel M. Deroche, M.A., M.P.P.; Mr. James MacLennan, M.A., Q.C., M.P.; the Reverend S. S. Nelles, D.D.; the Reverend A. Carman, D.D.; Mr. Daniel Wilson, L.L.D.; Mr. Samuel C. Wood, M.P.P.; Mr. Goldwin Smith, M.A.

After a number of communications, including nine applications for pensions, had been laid before the Council, several notices of motion were given, and the rule requiring a day's notice being suspended, it was at once ordered that a special Committee be