

for their very excellent reports of the present meeting; and to the managers of the Great Western, Grand Trunk and Northern Railways, for their kindness in granting return tickets to our members at reduced rates." Carried.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, "That when this Association adjourns, it stands adjourned till called together by the Board in Toronto." Carried.

The minutes of the third day having been read, it was moved by Mr. Archibald, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, that the minutes just read be adopted." Carried.

The Convention then adjourned.

DAVID ORMISTON,
Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

I shall occupy the time allowed me this evening in offering some observations for our encouragement and guidance as teachers.

And first of all let me say it is of importance that we think well of our calling. We cannot be too deeply impressed with the beauty, dignity and value of the Teacher's work. In every profession the great secret of success is an enthusiastic concentration of effort. Nor has any one but an Apostle, or at least the successor of an Apostle, stronger reasons than the teacher for magnifying his office. No doubt teaching has its less attractive side, and the quiet simplicity of the employment disguises from common view its real grandeur. The schoolhouse is often badly built, badly ventilated, and badly kept, the entire premises reminding one of Whittier's picture of the old puritan graveyard,

"With scanty grace from nature's hand
And none from that of art."

It seems from a paragraph which appeared lately in the newspapers that in the Townships of Ops and Mariposa (I purposely mention the names) the schoolhouses are not fit for stables, and I heard a Trustee in the School Convention of Northumberland, held a few months since, give a similar character to some schoolhouses in that County. Again, the schoolmaster is poorly paid, but though poorly paid is none the less expected to render efficient service. An American deacon once apologised to a friend of mine for his pastor's sermon on the ground that he was "only a seven hundred dollar preacher!" We commend this theory of indulgences to those other deacons who manage the temporalities of our common schools. The children of the school are sometimes untidy in their persons, coarse in their manners, and either dull at learning or quick at mischief, or perhaps both the one and the