

"Military Drill in Schools," and showed very fully the various advantages that would arise from its introduction.

Miss McLardy, in a most pleasing and instructive manner showed how many of the branches taught in primary classes might be made to assume the form of Object Lessons.

On the afternoon of Saturday, G. W. Ross, M.P., delivered an eloquent lecture on "The Teachers' Profession," in which he showed the various requirements with which teachers should comply, and the mistakes they should endeavor to avoid in order to render their work efficient.

The Question Drawer conducted by Mr. Glashan, proved an interesting and profitable feature of the proceedings of Saturday.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—

President, Prof. Riddell, Math. Master of O. N. S., Vice-President, A. Smirle, President of Central School East; Sec. Treasurer, C. Campbell; Managing Committee, J. C. Glashan, J. McMillan, E. D. Parlow, Miss McLardy, and Miss Joyco.

R. R. COCHRANE, Sec. Treas.

NORTH HASTINGS.—The North Hastings Teachers' Association held its usual semi-annual meeting at Madoc on Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th February.

First session, Thursday morning, February 27.—The President took the chair at 11 o'clock a. m. After routine business and an address from the President, the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

Second session, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27.—The Association met at 2 o'clock and proceeded to elect its officers for the ensuing year, viz.: President, Wm. Mackintosh, P. S. I.; Vice-President, Mr. Thompson; Secretary, George Kirk; Treasurer, Miss A. Cowie; Librarian, Miss J. Riddell; Councillors, Messrs. J. W. Rodgers, J. B. Morton, Chas. Fuller; Leonard Tait, Edward Conovan, J. M. Henderson, and Misses Ludlow and Riddell. The subject of spelling was introduced by Mr. C. Fuller, who did himself credit by the efficient way in which he treated it. After a discussion, in which the Inspector, (Mr. Mackintosh) and others took part, the subject was succeeded by that of map sketching, introduced in a most masterly manner by Mr. Hughes, P. S. I., Toronto, who showed, in a way calculated to convince even the most skeptical, that this was a valuable auxiliary in the teaching of geography. Even those without special training in drawing will find it valuable, as the sketches need not be elaborate. But particularly was the necessity of requiring the pupils to draw the map on slates for themselves insisted upon. Etymology was then introduced by Mr. Tait, who pointed out the desirability of pupils acquiring a knowledge not only of Greek and Latin, roots, prefixes and suffixes, but also of those of Saxon origin. Mr. Mackintosh then explained the manner of keeping daily and general registers.

Third Session, Thursday evening, 8 o'clock. A large number of the friends of education, as well as the teachers at Institute, attended this session. Mr. Thompson read an article entitled "Some hindrances to Effective Public School Teaching," in which the fossilized teacher was dealt with without gloves. The essay frequently evoked rounds of applause. Rev. Mr. Kenner then addressed the meeting, urging teachers to make their profession a life work, and concluded by pointing out the advantages of such gatherings as the present, feeling assured that teachers would go back to their schools more enthusiastic and better prepared for the performance of their duties. Rev. Mr. Wishart was delighted to know that we had a Model School and a first-class library at Madoc. He stated that the standard of education was higher here than in several adjoining States of the American Union. He urged teachers to be enthusiastic. "The Almighty," he said, "has written two books, viz., those of Nature and Revelation, and is writing a third, the Book of Providence, and in his wisdom is shaping the educational course to advance his cause." Mr. Hughes, during the evening, delighted the audience with a recitation, "The Parting of Marmion and Douglas," and also gave an address, citing some objections to our school system and effectively answering them.

Fourth Session, Friday morning 9.30.—Mr. Kirk introduced the subject "Grammar," and handled the second-class examination paper satisfactorily. Miss Ludlow then took up the subject of "Geography," receiving the thanks of the Association for her able article. Mr. Hughes then took up "Minor points in school management."

Fifth Session, Friday, 2 p.m.—Mr. Hughes took up the subject of "Mistakes in Teaching." Among other mistakes he said the following were prominent: 1. Not to have order. 2. To think pupils like disorder. 3. To think that order means absolute silence. 4. To try to drown disorder by speaking in a loud tone. "Mistakes in Method"—1. To ask questions consecutively. 2. To name the person, and then propose the question. 3. To concentrate your questions upon a few pupils. 4. To come to the class unprepared. 5. To attempt to teach without previous explanation. 6. To tell anything you can teach without telling. 7. To ask questions that pupils cannot answer. A question drawer containing a large number of questions was then opened, and appropriate answers given to the queries by Messrs. MacKintosh and Hughes. The success of the Institute was largely owing to the efforts of M. J. Hughes, Inspector, Toronto.

GEORGE KIRK, Secretary.

REVIEWS.

THE NORMAL UNION SYSTEM OF INDUSTRIAL DRAWING. By J. V. Montgomery. Philadelphia, Sower, Potts & Co. The primary course of this series consists of eight numbers. The progression of lessons is admirable. The economy of the arrangement of the books is also to be commended. The system is based upon a knowledge of geometrical figures. The patterns and elements given are exceedingly simple and varied. For a series of Industrial Drawing, this has not enough of the inventive for even juniors, but every earnest teacher of the subject would be benefitted by an examination of these books. The patterns and the instructions given on each book are very suggestive.

UNCONSCIOUS TUITION. Davis, Bardeen & Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Messrs. Davis, Bardeen & Co., are the publishers of the *School Bulletin*, a very practical teachers' journal. They also publish numerous educational works. *Unconscious Tuition* is the first of the proposed series of "Schoolroom Classics." It is a lecture delivered by the Rev. F. D. Huntington, Bishop of Central New York. He discusses the subject in a clear, logical and comprehensive manner. The thoughts are fine and the language elegant. The price of the book would be about 15 cents.

APPLETON'S JOURNAL for March opens with a novelette entitled "My Comedy," from the pen of Barnet Phillips, like "Macleod of Dare," it has an actress for a heroine, but the character is a very different one, while the situations are fresh, piquant, and thoroughly good. Although a story of goodly length, it is given complete. This is followed by the concluding part of the chapter on English literature, from Spencer Walpole's "History of England." The survey of English Literature is from the period when the history opens, and is remarkable for many fresh ideas and suggestions. "Musical Romanticism" is an eminently readable paper, being an attempt to show the real source of our enjoyment of music, and the principles that enter into its construction. There are an interesting paper on "The Evil Eye," an article on "Dr. Smiles's Works on Self-Help," and a paper from "Blackwood," called "Two Ladies," which takes up the two recent volumes, Mrs. Kemble's "Recollections of Girlhood," and the "Memoirs of Mrs. Jameson," for comment and exposition. The editor discusses "Paganism in Fiction," in which he shows how completely the modern novel commonly ignores Christianity. This is followed by "Fitness in Art," "The City Beautiful," and "Water-Colors." D. APPLETON & Co., NEW YORK. \$8.00 per year.

The Atlantic Monthly, March. Richard Grant White's Americanisms (No. VI.), is worth the price of the number. Three good poems by Rose Tevey Cook, Whittier and Longfellow, two short stories, a very spiritual article on Ghost Stories, a humorous sketch by Mark Twain, several "solid" articles, including one on the "Natural History of Politics" bring us to the Contributors' Club and Literary Notices. These are very instructive.

Scribner's Monthly, March. Beautifully illustrated as usual. George Ropp and the "Harmonists" sketches, the growth and decline of that strange community; some Western Schoolmasters, by Edward Edgleston, is funny, thoughtful, and sentimental; "Haworth's Mrs. Burnett's story grows stranger and stronger; Topics of the Times; Culture and Progress; The World's Work; and A College Camp at Lake George, are among the choice gems of its 26 articles and departments.

St. Nicholas, March. Tales and wonderful facts; tales of adventure, facts of history; tales of school life, facts of nature, tales of fairy land, facts of science; all these are told in simple language, and pictured in speaking illustrations. This is St. Nicholas, the delight and charmer of childhood.

The Peep-Shot. (Strahan & Co., London.) This is a delightful child's paper. The stories are of an elevating character, the illustrations are very good, and the topics discussed such as are of interest to little folks. It is a brother of St. Nicholas.

The Musical Times is published by Novello & Co., London. Either its articles, its music, or its advertisements are worth the cost of it; only three pence per month. Order it through your music dealer or bookseller.

The Contemporary Review. Full as usual. "Professor Goddes on the