

thanks was tendered Dr. Dafoc, and he was requested to allow the Association to publish his paper. Mr. D. Johnston, Cobourg, then read an excellent paper on Teaching, for which he received the thanks of the Association. Friday afternoon, the subject of Grammar was taken up, first by Miss Hornibrook, who read a well-written essay on Grammar to juniors, and afterwards by Mr. Johnston, I.P.S., South Hastings, who dealt with mistakes made in teaching Grammar to 4th and 5th Classes. A vote of thanks was given by the Association to the gentlemen who had so ably contributed to the success of the Convention, namely, Messrs. Burrows, J. Johnston, and D. Johnston. The following resolution was passed during the Convention.—“That in the opinion of this Association, the Provincial Association should be constituted as follows: 1st. Of delegates elected by each local association, one delegate being elected for every fifty paying members; 2nd. That in addition all persons engaged in any department of education should be eligible for membership; 3rd. That the right of discussion in the meetings of the Association should belong equally to all members; 4th. That to the delegated portion alone should belong the right of voting in the meetings of the Association.”

JESSIE RIDDELL, *Secretary.*

COUNTY OF LANARK.—The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Teachers' Association for the County of Lanark was held in Almonte on Friday and Saturday, May 21st and 22nd. There were present more than ninety teachers. This being the regular business meeting, the election of officers was proceeded with. H. L. Slaak, M.A., I.P.S., Co. of Lanark, was elected President; P. C. McGregor, M.A., Head Master High School, Almonte, Vice-President; H. Beer, Head Master Model School, Perth, Secretary-Treasurer. The following were elected a Committee of Management: Miss Todd, Mr. Raino, Mr. Moag, Mr. Hannah, Mr. J. P. Anderson. Mr. Michel and Mr. McCarter were appointed auditors of accounts. The instructive part of the proceedings consisted of a paper on the subject of writing by Mr. Dovitt. This was a practical paper, and the teachers who were present cannot fail to be benefitted by the hints thrown out by this gentleman. He was followed by Mr. Berlinguette, who read a paper on “Want of Connection in Studies an Evil in Our Schools.” This gentleman has had a large experience as a teacher, and his paper was listened to with great attention. Mr. J. McCarter, Head Master Public School, read a paper on History, which the Association asked his permission to have published in the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. Mr. E. Anderton read a paper on the assigning of lessons, and in the discussion which followed it was apparent that a general opinion prevailed that our children were too heavily taxed with lessons, especially in our town and city schools. Mr. Hanna, of Lanark, gave an essay on the Prize System. He said prizes should only be awarded on the result of a carefully kept record of the session's work, and should be given for general proficiency. Mr. Raine gave a valuable paper on Grammar and how to teach it. J. A. McCabe, M.A., Principal Ottawa Normal School, began the proceedings on Saturday morning by a practical lesson on teaching the important subject of reading. Mr. McCabe took lessons from the Fifth Book, and showed how to excite an interest in the subject. Mr. Lawe, of Almonte, followed with an essay on School Management. He deplored the unruly behaviour of our children generally, and a contrast between the behavior of children of forty or fifty years ago and those of the present time was made, much to the disadvantage of the present generation. Mr. J. P. Anderson then read an excellent paper on conducting examinations. This paper contained some new and original ideas, and was well received by the Association. The last subject was Algebra, which was very ably treated by F. L. Michell, M.A., Head Master Perth High School. Mr. Michell went to the blackboard and there solved a number of problems according to the most approved methods. This was work suitable chiefly for candidates for Third Class certificates. This closed the regular business of the Association. On Friday evening a public lecture was given by J. A. McCabe, M.A., on the cultivation of a taste for the beautiful, especially among children. This was a very instructive lecture, and was ably delivered by the lecturer, who kept the attention of his audience by a flow of language replete with poetic expression and beautiful imagery. The teachers separated on Saturday evening, feeling that their time had been well and profitably spent.

BRANT.—Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th, 1880. First day.—10.00 to 10.30 a.m.—Time-table for Rural Schools, Mr. M. Sipprell, Master No. 11, S. Dumfries; Critic Messrs. John McLean and J. Patton. 10.45 to 11.15 a.m.—Geography to a Junior Class, Mr. J. D. Webster, Master No. 5, S. Dumfries; Critic—Mr. A. E. Kennedy and Miss Clarke. 11.30 to 12 a.m.—Music in Public Schools, Mr. J. M. White, Master No. 1, Brantford; Critic—Misses Parves and Knowles. 2.00 to 3.00 p.m.—Factoring and Theory of Divisors, Mr. J. A. McLellan, LL.D., Senior Inspector of High Schools. 3.00 to 3.30 p.m.—Essay, Mr. J. W. Narraway, Master Cainsville School. Second day. 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.—Business meetings of Committees. 10.00 to 10.30 a.m.—Geography to an Advanced Class, Mr. J. A. Dale, Master No. 7, Brantford; Critic—Messrs. Burke and J. Ross. 10.45 to 11.15 a.m.—Paper on Spelling, Miss Knowles, Central School; Critic—Messrs. Kelly and Akers. 11.30 to 12.00 a.m.—Elementary Arithmetic, Mr. D. Reid, Master St. George School; Critic—Messrs. Rothwell and Dale. 2.00 to 2.30 p.m.—English Literature, Mr. Morrison, Student B. C. I.; Critic—Messrs. Hodgson and Wilkinson. 2.45 to 3.15 p.m.—Essay, Miss Mary Clarke, Teacher Coll. Inst., Brantford. 3.15 to 3.35 p.m.—Solutions of Equations, Mr. E. Bruce, Student B. C. I.; Critic—Messrs. Wm. Rothwell and A. E. Kennedy. I. An effort will be made to render all the exercises practical, and to conduct them with reference to the School Room. II. The Committee deemed

it advisable to appoint critics in advance, that those appointed might be prepared to discuss the different subjects. III. On the evening of Friday, June 5th, a public meeting will be held in the hall of the B. C. I., when J. A. McLellan, LL.D., will deliver a Lecture. Addresses will also be delivered by other friends of education. Music by Glee Club. M. J. KELLY, LL.B., *President.* W. ROTHWELL, *Secretary.*

OTTAWA. Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, 1880. First day—9.00 to 10.00.—Preliminary Business. 10.00 to 11.00 a.m.—Address, A. Smith, Esq., Vice-President. 11.00 to 12.00 a.m.—J. Thorburn, LL.D., Ottawa Coll. Institute, Names and Places. 2.00 to 3.00 p.m.—J. A. McCabe, M.A., Prin. Normal School Ottawa, “The Teaching of English Composition.” 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.—Mr. R. J. Tanner, Cen. Sch. West, “Geography.” Second day. 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.—J. C. Ginsuan, Inspector Public Schools, Ottawa, On Counting. 11.00 to 1.00 a.m.—Election of Officers. 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.—Mr. Smith Curtis, Central School East, “Orthopy.” C. CASPBELL, *Secretary.*

PRESCOTT.—The next session of the County of Prescott Teachers' Association will be held at Hawkesbury Village on Friday and Saturday the 4th and 5th. Programme. Friday, 10-10, Opening address T. O. Steele, I. P. S., 104-114. Composition: J. A. Houston, B.A., 114-121, Geography: H. Gray, H.M.M.S., 2-3, Grammar: T. O. Steele, I. P. S., 3-33, French Address: Rev. J. Routhor, C.P., 34-44, General Business, 74-84, Public Lecture by J. Maxwell, B.A. Saturday, 10-11, Arithmetic: J. McCutcheon, H.M.H.P.S., 11-12, English Literature: T. O. Page, B.A., 2-3 Object Lessons: E. Robinson, O.M.H.H.J., 3-4, Reading and spelling. Mrs Gray and others. N.B.—Fail not to attend. H. GRAY, *Secretary.* T. A. STEELE, *President.*

LINCOLN—Programme.—Friday, 10 a.m.—Election of officers, reception of Reports, and miscellaneous business. 11 a.m.—Discussion on Corporal Punishment in school—its necessity or otherwise, and the proper occasion and method of its infliction: Introduced by Mr. F. Davis, of Merriton. *Afternoon Session.*—1:30 p.m.—Merit Marks to Pupils—The expediency of using and the proper method of awarding them. Introduced by Mr. A. E. Moore, Jordan. 2:30 p.m.—Talking in school.—Should it be permitted? If so, to what extent? If not, how to repress it effectually: Introduced by Mr. Gray, Inspector of Schools, St. Catharines. 3:30 p.m.—Importance of Physical Culture.—The School Room the place for it. Practically illustrated by means of a class by Miss L. Darcho, of St. Catharines. 4 p.m.—Uniform and simultaneous Promotion Examinations for the county.—Their object and how they are conducted elsewhere, and the expediency of adopting them here. Introduced by Mr. Somerset, County Inspector. *Saturday Morning*—9 a.m.—Teachers' Vacations; with special reference to the late modifications of the law respecting them. Introduced by Mr. Jacob Hippie, of Campbell. 9:30 a.m.—Industrial Drawing, as a means of Training and Culture, with illustrative lessons to a class: by Miss L. F. Gross, of St. Catharines. 10 a.m.—Teaching History; A few common mistakes and how to rectify them, to what extent should the text-book be depended upon? With class illustration, by Mr. W. F. Rittenhouse, of St. Catharines. 11 a.m.—Address by Professor Bell, on the Teaching of Reading to children, with special reference to the work of our Public Schools. *Afternoon Session.*—1:30 p.m.—Object Lessons—their importance in developing the thinking and observing faculties of children; with illustrative lessons by Miss M. A. Snively, of St. Catharines. 2 p.m.—Algebra Lessons suitable for students for Second and Third-class certificates: By Mr. W. J. Robertson, of the Collegiate Institute, St. Catharines. 3 p.m.—The teaching of English Literature: Mr. Seath, Head Master of the St. Catharines Collegiate Institute. *Evening Entertainment.*—Professor David Charles Bell, of Brantford, will give a “Literary Evening” on Friday, in the City Hall, consisting of selected Reading from various authors. J. B. SOMERSET, *President.* W. F. RITTENHOUSE, *Secretary.*

WENT WORTH.—Friday and Saturday, May 14th and 15th. Programme.—Friday, May 14th.—10.00 to 11.00 a.m.—Routine business. 11.00 to 12.00 a.m.—School Discipline. 1.30 to 2.00 p.m.—Question Drawer, English, T. C. L. Armstrong, M.A. 2.00 to 2.30 p.m.—Question Drawer Mathematics, W. H. Ballard, M.A. 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—Address, J. M. Buchan, M.A. 3.30 to 4.00 p.m.—“Arithmetic Begun,” G. W. Johnston. Evening Session—at 8 o'clock—Prof. D. C. Bell. Saturday, May 15th. 9.00 to 10.00 a.m.—Penmanship, N. Stillwell. 10.00 to 11.00 a.m.—Physical Geography, Dr. Hare. 11.00 to 12.00 a.m.—School Amusements, Jas. Herald, M.A. J. H. SMITH, P.S. Inspector GEO. DICKSON, M.A., *President.*

Readings and Recitations.

THE SCHOOLMASTER TO HIS PUPIL.

CONSEQUENCES.

The following is taken from a book entitled “The English School Master,” bearing the date 1680. It is a very quaint old book, written by a famous English schoolmaster, Edward Coote.

My child and scholar, take good heed,
unto the words that here are set,
And see thou do accordingly,
or else be sure thou shalt be beat.
First, I command thee God to serve,
then, to thy parents, duty yield;
Unto all men be courteous
and mannerly, in town and field.
Your cloths unbuttoned do not keep,
let not your hose ungartered be,
Have handkerchief in readiness,
wash hands and face, or see not me.