

Principal of Lennoxville College. The Hon. G. W. Ross gave an address to a very large audience on Wednesday night, in the course of which he explained the proposed changes in the school regulations for Ontario. There is much valuable work now done in the different departments of the Ontario Association. We hope to be able to give our readers the benefit of reading most of the papers. In this number we publish the important paper read by Chancellor Burwash, Victoria University, and also that read by Mr. William Scott, B.A., of the Normal School, Toronto. Our readers will find both these papers suggestive.

PENSIONS FOR TEACHERS.

"Provision is made very properly for teachers in their old age, after having served so many years in what is not only a most useful but an increasingly laborious profession. The Education Department's Committee, of Britain, on teacher's pension has presented its report. It favors the compulsory retirement and pensioning of teachers at sixty-five. Male teachers would pay £3, and female teachers £2, a year, which at sixty-five would afford in standard cases annuities of

£40 and £20 respectively. To these the State would add 10s. for each complete year of service, thereby bringing the pensions up respectively to a trifle over £61 and £41. There are 56,000 teachers, and it is calculated that the cost to the State would be about £100,000 in the fifth year after the scheme was established, about £300 000 in the fifteenth year, and about £560 000 twenty years later, ultimately reaching high-water mark at £600,000."

The above we clip from one of our contemporaries. The spirit of it pleased us much. Ontario had a pension system instituted and carried forward by the influence and energy of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson. Nothing could show more clearly his enlightened statesmanship and far-sighted love for the educational interests of his native province. The pension system for Ontario has been practically closed for some years past. The doings of other countries show that this course on the part of our rulers was neither just nor wise.

The teaching of the years since this line of treatment was adopted seems to us to point to the same conclusion. Is there any good reason why the system of pension should not be revived?

SCHOOL WORK.

SCIENCE.

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SCIENCE SECTION OF THE ONTARIO
EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Science Section was quite up to that of past years and the number who take part in its proceedings is annually increasing. There are, however, yet many of the

science teachers throughout the province who could by their attendance and assistance greatly improve the meetings of the section. It is hoped that these will avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to enrol themselves as members and participate in the work of the Association.

Valuable papers, on various subjects, were presented by different members of the Association. The Honorary President, A. B. McCallum, Ph.D.,