

THE Board of Directors of the Ontario Teachers' Association met in the office of the Toronto Public School Inspector on December 31st, to arrange the programme of business for the next convention. There were present the President, Mr. Alexander, (in the chair); the Secretary, Mr. Doan; the Treasurer, Mr. Spence; and Messrs. MacMurchy, of Toronto; Millar, of St. Thomas; Purslow, of Port Hope; Somerset, of St. Catharines; Hughes, of Toronto; Little, of Acton; Dearness, of London; McAllister, of Toronto; Rannie, of Newmarket; and Duncan, of Windsor. The following subjects were put upon the programme for afternoon business:—Industrial Drawing, Uniformity of Text-Books, the Use of the Bible in the School-Room, Agricultural Education in the Schools, and Physical Education; or, as a substitute, Qualifications for the Civil Service. It was decided to invite a number of prominent educationists to be present to deliver evening addresses. If the interest in the proceedings of the coming meeting be at all equal to that displayed by the Board of Directors in framing the programme, it will prove a very successful one.

When the meeting closed the members of the Public School Section met and decided upon the following programme for the work of their section:—Model Schools, the Over-Supply of Teachers, Representation at the Provincial Association, and Entrance Examination to High Schools.

Advantage was taken of the meeting to organize the Legislative Committee. Messrs. Fotheringham, Dearness, Hughes, McAllister, Doan and Spence were present. Mr. Hughes was appointed Chairman, and Mr. Doan Secretary.

THE first number of *The Educational Record*, the new organ of the Protestant Board of Education of the Province of Quebec, has just reached us, bearing the imprint of the *Gazette* Printing Office, Montreal. In our present crowded issue we can only meantime acknowledge receipt of the publication,

heartily wish it well, and promise in our next to give that notice of its advent which its merits and the cause it represents urgently claim for it. Its editor is Mr. R. W. Boodle, B.A. (Oxon), whose contributions to Canadian literature doubtless many of our readers are familiar with.

THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE MOSS.

IN the recent lamented death of Chief Justice Moss, which took place at Nice, in the south of France, on the 4th inst., the Ontario bench suffers an almost irreparable loss, while his *alma mater*, at which he so brilliantly distinguished himself during his academic career, loses its Vice-Chancellor and a zealous and enthusiastic friend, whose removal from the scene of his untiring and loyal labours every *alumnus* of University College will profoundly and unfeignedly deplore. As Vice-Chancellor and member of the Senate, Toronto University had no more ardent friend; and it may truly be said, that no more distinguished graduate ever passed from its halls to enter upon the business of life which, alas, whatever the honour subsequently won, has but too soon come to its earthly close. Few, at his early age, have passed from the ranks of the living so deeply regretted and so highly esteemed. Fewer still have passed hence so universally beloved. Vice-Chancellor Blake pronounces this eulogium upon the deceased:—"His pre-eminent ability, his conscientious devotion to his duty, as a judge, as a lawyer, and to the country, in whatever way he could serve it, the genial courtesy which characterized his intercourse, not only with the profession, but with all who came in contact with him, make his loss one which will be widely deplored, by the bench and the profession, as well as by the country at large. I gladly pay every respect in my power to his memory, not only because of his high position, as the head of the judiciary of the Province, but from a deep feeling of affectionate regard which time can never efface."