

## Teachers' Associations.

**STORMONT.** Teachers' Association. The Sixteenth Half-yearly meeting of this association convened in the Public School Building, Cornwall, on Monday, March 2nd. The first session was opened by Mr. Smith, A.M., retiring President. The business of the Association was first disposed of; the election of officers resulting as follows. President, Mr. McNaughton I.P.S.; Vice-president, Miss Ogle; Secy-Treas., Geo. Bigelow; Man-Com., Messrs. Bowen, McEwen, and Cook, and Misses Gillis and Brown. Auditors, Messrs. Baker and Relyea.

The Auditors' report showed an income of \$113.58, an expenditure of \$67.50, with a balance on hand of \$46.08.

Messrs. Holmes and Kennedy, Agent and Business Manager of the *Ed. Weekly* and CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL respectively, being present were invited to speak with regard to nature, object, and terms of the periodicals they represented. Full explanations were given.

A resolution was passed raising the membership fee to one dollar. The payment of this fee to entitle each member to his choice of either the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, or *Ed. Weekly* at the expense of the Association.

As the meeting progressed clubs were formed for each publication.

Mr. Tilley explained the changes in the Regulations affecting Teachers' Associations and the arrangements for conducting Institute Exercises.

A paper on Composition was then read by Mr. Tilley, replete with useful instruction and practical suggestions, exceedingly helpful to those endeavoring to teach the difficult art of expressing ideas clearly.

In the evening a select and appreciative audience assembled to hear Mr. Tilley's Lecture. "The Relation of Education to the State."

At the close of the Lecture, Mr. Kennedy by request gave a recitation, beautiful itself and rendered with indescribable pathos and telling effect.

Rev. Mr. Hastie spoke in highly complimentary terms of Mr. Tilley's lecture and then urged the necessity of religious instruction in the Public Schools.

Mr. Brown I.P.S., for Dundas, congratulated the Town of Cornwall on its fine School Building, and expressed his appreciation of Mr. Tilley's work.

The thanks of the audience were voted to Mr. Tilley and also to Mr. Kennedy.

On Tuesday Morning Mr. Nugent took up the Subject of Algebra. Commencing with very simple illustrations, in factoring he proceeded to deal with the most simple and complicated forms making every process plain and easy of comprehension. The whole exercise was planned and executed in a manner calculated to afford the greatest possible amount of instruction and benefit to the teachers present.

Mr. Tilley taught a class in fractions, giving practical illustrations of the theory he advanced.

In the afternoon Mr. Talbot treated the Subject of Mensuration. Starting with a horizontal line he explained the construction of the various Geometrical figures, illustrating by means of paper forms, the methods of finding areas and showing very plainly the manner of deducing the formulas so often used and so imperfectly understood. The teachers who listened to the exercise could not but be very materially helped in their efforts to bring this subject within the compass of the average school pupil's comprehension. Mr. Tilley followed with a lecture on "The Relation of the Teacher to his work."

At the close of this Lecture the special thanks of the teachers were proffered Mr. Tilley not only for his lectures but for the valuable assistance he had given in every department of the work of the Association.

A great deal of the success that attended the Meetings throughout was felt to be due to his efforts, and the teachers present were not slow to appreciate the benefits received therefrom. Geo. Bigelow, Secy.

**LANARK.** The annual meeting of this association was held in the Convocation Hall of the Perth Collegiate Institute on Thursday and Friday, March 5th and 6th. The chair, throughout the meeting was occupied by the President, F. L. Mitchell, M.A., I.P.S. After the reading of the minutes and the appointment of committees, the President gave an excellent address on "Reading," dwelling particularly on the defects usually met with in the teaching of this subject in our schools, and suggesting practical remedies for their correction.

Mr. Holmes agent for the *Educational Weekly*, and Mr. Kennedy Business Manager CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, were then heard before the Association regarding the merits of their respective papers, and the matter referred to the committee on educational periodicals.

The afternoon session was opened by Mr. Jacques, of the Perth Model School, who, by blackboard illustrations, showed how he would teach the simple rules of arithmetic. His methods received the general approval of the teachers present.

After congratulating the Association on the large attendance and explaining the reasons for the recent changes in the regulations concerning Teachers' Associations, Mr. J. J. Tilley Model School Inspector, read an eminently comprehensive and practical paper on Composition, in

which he dwelt upon the importance of the subject, and the best methods of teaching it in the several classes of the Public Schools.

"English in Schools" was then taken up by Mr. D. E. Sheppard, of the Carleton Place H. S. His treatment of the subject was excellent, and well deserved the commendation which it received.

In the evening an able and instructive lecture on the "Relation of Education to the State," was delivered by Mr. J. J. Tilley, I.M.S., to a very large audience in the Town Hall. Musical selections by teachers, pupils of the Public School and others, together with recitations by Mr. J. M. Kennedy, Business Manager of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, varied the programme.

On Friday Morning the report of the Committee on Educational Periodicals, recommending that part of the funds of the Association be employed in assisting to provide members with school papers, was adopted. The report of the Committee, which recommended that the next annual meeting be held in Almonte was also adopted. Resolutions appointing the Inspector a delegate to the Ontario Teachers' Association, and approving of the action of the Minister of Education, in appointing Directors of Teachers' Associations, were unanimously carried. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, P. C. McGregor, B.A., Almonte; Vice-President, J. C. Hamilton, Smith's Falls; Secy-Treas., H. Bewell, Carleton Place; Management Committee N. Robertson, B.A., J. R. Johnston, B.A., J. T. Noonan, John Rabb and Miss Steadman; Auditors, J. A. Goth and T. J. Walrond.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring President, F. L. Mitchell, M.A., for the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of the chair during his incumbency. The retiring Secy-Treas., H. S. Robertson, also received a vote of thanks and was presented by the Association with a copy of Chambers' Encyclopaedia, as a token of its appreciation of his services during the last three years.

Mr. Tilley then gave a first lesson in fractions to a class from the Perth Public School. This lesson, both from its practical character and the skilful manner in which it was conducted, could not fail to impart a better knowledge of methods in this portion of arithmetic.

Before leaving the Association, Mr. Tilley gave a brief but impressive address on the "Relation of the teacher to his work."

The afternoon session was very profitably occupied in the discussion of "Difficulties in School Routine," a subject ably introduced by Mr. H. Bewell, of Carleton Place.

A vote of thanks was given to the C. P. R. Co., for kindness in issuing tickets at reduced rates to teachers attending the Association, and also to the Perth Board of Education for the use of the Convocation Hall.

In point of attendance, manifestation of interest and character of subject matter presented, this meeting has not been surpassed by any yet held. The County of Lanark Teachers' Association, is among the best in the Province.

## Literary Review.

**SHOEMAKER'S DIALOGUES**, designed for School and Social Entertainment, entirely new and original: edited by Mrs. J. W. Shoemaker. Published by the National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia.

This book contains a variety of topics, characters and conditions, and so aims to meet the wants of the little folks, as well as the older boys and girls. It seems to be free from the approach to coarseness which is characteristic of too much of this class of literature, and will no doubt meet with a ready market.

We have received the first number of *Mind in Nature*, a new Journal published by the Cosmic Publishing Co., 171 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill. The object of this Journal is to furnish in a popular manner information regarding psychical questions, the relations of the mind to the body, and their reciprocal actions. It proposes to give a full resume of all the investigations and reports of the English and American Societies for Psychical Research, and one of its aims will be to gather from original and trustworthy sources, valuable information in aid of investigations of psychical phenomena.

**LUDLOW'S CONCENTRIC CHART OF HISTORY**, by James M. Ludlow D.D. Funk & Wagnalls, Publishers. Nos. 10 and 12 Day Street, New York. This is something decidedly new in book-making. It consists of 30 fan-shaped segments, 7 x 10 inches. These segments, turning on a common centre, can be closed so as to show only one segment; or two or more (any two) can be brought to view, and as the *century circles* on each are the same, by tracing one circle around several segments, the contemporaneous history of each of the countries so exposed, is at once brought before the eye. The Chart contains a vast mass of historical facts in regard to all the countries of the world, and from the earliest time. Its peculiar shape and arrangement will make it most convenient for reference in regard to facts, dates, contemporary events etc. Price \$2.00.