

year, owing to an agreement between several of the plate-making firms not to exhibit this year. There were, however, several new exhibitors among the paper-makers.

The business meetings were put through rapidly, the meeting as a whole being one of the shortest on record. It began really, with the afternoon session of Wednesday, at which time all exhibits were in place, and ended at five o'clock Thursday; nearly every exhibit being torn down by six o'clock, such seemed the hurry of the members to get away. No open meeting was held, much to the disappointment of numbers who were looking forward to the pleasure of viewing the pictures, and of noting what advancement had been made by our photographers during the past year.

Two practical demonstrations were given—one of posing and lighting, at the newly fitted-up rooms of the Toronto Camera Club, the work being done principally by our American visitors, to whom we owe so much for their constant efforts while here to do us all the possible good they could. The other was an interesting demonstration on Wednesday evening, at Farmer Bros.' gallery, of flash light photography, by Mr. Newcomb and Mr. Hopkins.

#### THE PICTURES.

One of the surprises of the convention was the quality of work hung up by ex-President Walker, of Woodstock. These pictures fully deserved the first prize awarded them by the judges. Mr. Walker has evidently profited much by our good Convention

of last year. His work shows a twelve months hard study and conscientious striving after those artistic effects that make of photography an art. He shows decided improvement in every department, not the least noticeable being the arrangement of his exhibit. A special feature of Mr. Walker's exhibit was the giving of each picture an appropriate title.

Another of our ex-Presidents, Mr. C. S. Cochran, of Hamilton, took second prize with an exhibit of good work, hard to beat. Messrs. Cochran and Cunningham have shown us such excellent work for the past few years at Convention time that we all are hard to satisfy when it is a question of their exhibit. The good taste always shown in the arrangement of the pictures hung up by Mr. Cochran and his able assistant was most noticeable this year, the neatly-framed pictures showing very pleasingly against a background of silk plush.

Secretary Poole occupied his usual corner with a display of very choice work, the technical and artistic excellence of which was ahead of anything shown by Mr. Poole at previous conventions.

Wm. Still, of Orangeville, whose work always shows careful arrangement and handling, hung up a nice collection of large and small pictures. Mr. Still has one of the largest cameras in Ontario, and evidently knows how to use it.

Kennedy & Bell, Toronto, made a good showing of cabinet-size work, in many of which the subjects were strikingly handled.