

number of movements under the direction of Mr. Miller.

Mr. H. J. Strang, B.A., of Goderich, dealt in a very interesting and instructive manner with the difficulties analysis and parsing presented to him. Miss Speer ably illustrated her method of teaching Canadian History to a class of beginners, and Mr. Gregory treated Physical Geography in a similarly able manner. Mr. S. P. Halls, in a very lucid manner discussed the method of applying the principles of the Triangle of Forces to the solution of problems in Natural Philosophy. A resolution was subsequently passed conveying the thanks of the Association to Dr. McLellan for his able lecture; and a motion, expressive of the value of military drill, was also made by the meeting, and unanimously agreed to.

W. R. MILLER, *Secretary*.

RUSSELL COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The semi-annual meeting of this Association took place in Duncanville, on January 9th and 10th. After the formal business was despatched, Mr. Hill, of Bearbrook, read a paper on "The Introduction of Grammar to Junior Classes." After some discussion on this subject, Mr. W. R. Riddell, B.A., LL.B., &c., Mathematical Master, Ottawa Normal School, addressed the Association on "The Introduction of Algebra to Classes, and the Treatment of Simple Rules." In the afternoon, Mr. Riddell, by special request, showed his method of teaching Synthetic Division, and of contracting Multiplication. After the discussion of these topics and many questions being asked and answered, he addressed the Association on "How to interest Pupils in the Study of Arithmetic." The Society determined the time and place of next meeting, and adjourned.

A public entertainment was held in the Temperance Hall in the evening, which was largely attended by the citizens of Duncanville and vicinity. Mr. Riddell delivered a popular lecture on "The Philosophy of Dreaming," which was well received. Several Dialogues, Recitations, and Songs followed, interspersed by music.

On Saturday, the morning was taken up by papers from Mr. J. McMillan, B.A., of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, and Mr. John Munro, Principal of the St. George's Ward School. Mr. McMillan had for his subject, the "Discussion of some difficult words in Parsing," and his remarks brought on a lively and interesting debate on several points. Mr. Munro showed practically "How to manage a Fourth Class in Teaching Reading." He had to stand the fire of a multiplicity of questions, all of an essentially practical character, which he answered to the satisfaction of the audience. At the afternoon session, Mr. Riddell took up "How to Teach Fractions," and Mr. A. Smirle, Principal Central School, E. Ottawa, "The Use of the Blackboard," both of which subjects were discussed by many members of the Association. After votes of thanks to the visiting gentlemen, the Association adjourned, well pleased with the success of the Institute.

A pleasing feature in connection with the meeting was the large proportion of visitors not engaged in teaching who attended and took an interest in the work going on.

THE NORFOLK TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION met on 17th and 18th January, at Simcoe, eighty teachers being in attendance and a deep interest being manifested. The subjects discussed were Grammar (Mr. Cron leading), English Literature (Mr. Ferguson), History (Mr. Wm. H. Smith), Algebra (Mr. Merchand), and Writing (Mr. G. McIntosh.)

On Friday evening a public meeting was held, at which Rev. Mr. Alexander lectured on "the Lady of the Lake" and a visit to the Trossachs. Richard Lewis, Esq., of Toronto, gave several dramatic readings.

On Saturday Mr. Lewis lectured on Reading and Elocution for over four hours, giving a most masterly and exhaustive exposition of the subject. Officers 1879: President, Horatio A. Courtland; Vice President, W. H. Smith; Secretary, Rev. G. Grant, B.A.; Committee of Management, Messrs. Parsons, Chapman, Knowles, Weston and Dennis.