

per cent. in reading, while they are expected to prepare pupils who are required to make 75 per cent. at the June examination. Another song was then given by Mr. Alexander and his pupils, after which the Association adjourned to meet again at Farnham, on Saturday the 16th, March.

—The appointment to the chair of English Literature in the Toronto University has been filled. The testimonials of the successful candidate, Prof. W. J. Alexander, of Dalhousie University, are said to be of a very high order. Mr. Alexander is a Canadian, who, setting out from the Hamilton Collegiate Institute where, if we are not mistaken, he gained a Gilchrist Scholarship, has had excellent opportunities for thorough culture in the London, Berlin and Johns Hopkins Universities, respectively. In each of these institutions his standings were, we believe, excellent. Dr. Alexander has made the English Language and Literature a specialty, and has it is understood, taught them with success in Dalhousie for some years. He gained his first experience as a teacher in the Prince of Wales College, where his work was spoken of in the highest terms by those who know how to appreciate talent such as he possesses.

—The Teachers' Association in connection with the McGill Normal School, held its fifth regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 12th, at eight o'clock. Mr A. W. Kneeland presided. The attendance was exceptionally good, owing, doubtless to the interesting programme, which was as follows:—Piano duett—Misses Gross. Recitation—Miss McGavin. Part song—Lady students McGill Normal School. Lecture—Somnambulism, by Dr. Clarke Murray of McGill University. Song—N. N. Evans, B.A.Sc. Recitation—Miss Findlay. Part song—Lady students of McGill Normal School. A vote of thanks was given to Dr. Murray and those who assisted in the programme. The business transacted at the beginning of the meeting consisted of the adoption of the minutes, the announcement of the March meeting, and the election of three members—Miss Kerr, Miss K. Harper, and Rev. D. Larivière, B.A.

—The following figures taken from the McGill Annual Report are of interest:—Of degrees in course 102 were given last year, raising the number of professional graduates to 1,440, and that of graduates in arts to 449. Of these graduates, a great number re-