

tions to be held next March in each township in the county. The regulations, briefly, are, that pupils shall be divided into four classes, viz.: Special, Senior, Intermediate and Junior. The pupils of the Special class shall not be over 17 years of age, and shall be examined in the subjects of Arithmetic, Euclid (Book 1), Algebra, Simple Equations, and Book-keeping. Senior class, not over 17 years; subjects: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic Grammar, Geography as prescribed for Fourth Class of Public Schools, and English and Canadian History during the reign of Queen Victoria. Intermediate Class, not over 12 years; subjects the same as Senior, except that they are to have no history. Junior Class, not over twelve years; subjects those prescribed for Third Class in Public Schools.

To provide funds, every school sending candidates shall contribute one dollar for each class represented, and twenty-five cents for each pupil for each class in which he may write. In the Special Class three General Proficiency prizes will be given, and one prize in each subject. In each of the other classes eight General Proficiency prizes will be offered, and one prize for each subject; but no pupil will be entitled to receive a prize who does not take forty per cent. of the marks on the subject. Also Honor Cards will be granted to all who take forty per cent. of the total amount of marks of each subject.

In the afternoon W. Oliver, B.A., lectured on "Practical Chemistry," illustrating his subject with quite a number of interesting experiments. Then A. Purslow, B.A., delivered a most practical lecture on "English Idioms."

In the evening J. M. Buchan, M.A., High School Inspector, lectured in the Town Hall on "Poetry and Politics." The lecture was a clever review of the history of several nations, particularly the English, pointing out the close relation between political liberty and the highest development of literature.

On Saturday the first subject was "Geography," by Mr. R. J. Rowe. He was followed by J. M. Buchan on "Grammar." The next paper was on "The relation of the teacher's work to the success of the pupil in after life," by John Squair. Mr. Buchan then took up the subject of "English Literature," and gave practical illustrations of the best modes of studying it by selections from some of the lessons set for the examinations.

At the close of the lecture, it was resolved that in the opinion of this Association the work in literature prescribed for Entrance Examinations to High Schools ought to be shortened. It was also resolved that the work in literature prescribed for third class certificates ought to be shortened.

The Association adjourned, to meet again in Port Hope on the first Friday and Saturday of May, 1879.

**NORTH HURON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the above Association was held in the public school, Brussels, on Thursday and Friday, October 10th and 11th.

The president, Mr. Dewar, P. S. I., opened the meeting with a brief and appropriate address. Mr. James Turnbull, B. A., of Clinton, then followed, and gave a very interesting account of the proceedings of the Ontario Teachers' Association, for which he received the thanks of the meeting.

Mr. James Dickson, of Grey, took up the subject of Arithmetic, and gave some very neat solutions to questions appearing on third class papers.

During the course of the afternoon Mr. J. A. McLellan, M.A., LL.D., of Toronto, took the platform, and in his usual masterly and happy style handled the subjects of arithmetic and algebra. His remarks on the former of these were highly edifying and exhaustive, embracing comments and hints on the subject from the first notions of numbers to the most complex problems. His lesson on algebra was most excellent, and was received with a keen relish by all present.

Mr. McFaul, of Seaford, gave a number of admirable solutions to questions set forth in the third-class algebra for July, 1878.

At 8 o'clock in the evening, Dr. McLellan appeared in the town hall, to give his lecture on reading, and although notice had only been communicated to the citizens during the evening, the spacious room was filled to its utmost capacity. He began by referring to the paramount importance of this subject, and reviewing at some length the means by which it might be successfully taught in our public schools. He considered reading one of the most poorly taught subjects on our curriculum, and attributed this partly to the fact that it is only taught incidentally, as a means of obtaining other information, and partly to the lack of elocutionary power among our teachers.

Dr. McLellan next treated the audience to a lecture on education. He referred in high terms to our national system of education, its excellence, its liberality, and its superiority over that of contemporary systems. He maintained that the profession of teaching is one of the noblest on earth, in the dignity of its object, in the responsibility of its action and in the sublimity of its character. As he gave a synopsis of his life, in reference to the difficulties he had encountered, and the obstacles he had overcome,

every young teacher swelled with noble resolutions, and acknowledged the encouraging and electrifying power of the individual who addressed him.

Friday the programme was resumed, Mr. Jas. Turnbull, of Clinton, taking second-class literature, to the entire satisfaction of all present.

Mr. Acheson dealt with third-class grammar in a very sensible manner.

Mr. Jas. Ferguson, of Wingham, criticised the readers very nicely, and afterwards read a well-prepared essay on "The Defects of Our Educational System."

Rev. P. Musgrove delivered an excellent address on "Morals in Public Schools."

About seventy teachers were present, and the success of the affair surpassed the most hopeful anticipations.

**SOUTH GREY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—The teachers of South Grey held their semi-annual meeting in Princeville, on Thursday and Friday, September 26th and 27th. The President, Mr. W. Ferguson, P. S. I., in the chair. Some valuable practical suggestions were made by the President, which were considered and discussed by the Association at various stages of its proceedings.

R. Ingate read an interesting paper on the educational difficulties he experienced in enforcing the School Law and Regulations, especially as applies to the instruction of pupils in Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Latin and Greek Roots, etc., his idea being that there was too little that was practical and useful inculcated by the text books and teachers of the day.

Dr. Gunn, of Durham, then read an able paper on "Chemical Affinity." This was followed by a carefully prepared paper on the subject of "How to Secure the Continued Efficiency of the Association," by Mr. D. Prior. Amongst other ideas the essayist recommended compulsory attendance, the importation of foreign talent, and the cultivation of a generous social Christian spirit amongst the members. On Friday, papers were read by Mr. R. B. Walker, on "Teaching and promoting good reading in all classes," by Mr. A. Ferguson on "Concurrent promotion examinations," by R. Bell on "Teaching Geography" to junior classes, and by Mr. J. I. Buchanan on "Music in the School." He showed that it was the duty of teachers to harmoniously cultivate all the talents of pupils, the utility of music, how it improves the heart, soul and health, and conduces to cheerfulness, happiness and order. Resolutions that all meetings of the Association should in future be held in Princeville, and that all teachers should urge upon trustees the necessity of paying their salaries quarterly, were passed, and the Association adjourned, to meet next May.

**NORTHUMBERLAND TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—The semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in the High School, Brighton, on Thursday and Friday, 10th and 11th October. The programme was (1) Thorough Preparation of School Work on the part of the Teacher, by W. E. Sprague, Principal Model School, (2) How to Teach Arithmetic, by Inspector Scarlett; (3) Reading, by W. E. Bartlett; (4) How to Secure the Co-operation of Trustees and Parents, by Mr. Hayward; (5) Geography and History, by Prof. Macoun, Albert University; (6) Time Required to Complete each Form in the P. S. Curriculum, by S. Kinney. The President, Mr. D. I. Johnston, opened the meeting by reading an admirable paper on Mental Impressions. The theme was a very appropriate one for a President's Address, and was handled in such a manner as to leave its impress upon the minds of the Teachers. Mr. W. E. Sprague then read in his masterly style a paper on "Thorough Preparation of School Work on the part of the Teacher." The article was most comprehensive yet concise, and well calculated to still further arouse the teachers to renewed effort in making their school work a part and parcel of themselves. Mr. Sprague is thoroughly modern in his views and fully up to the times. He was evidently master of his subject, and displayed anew that ability to summarize and fitly present a subject which has ever characterized him as a teacher and an educationalist, and reassured all present that we have every reason to feel proud that the training of teachers in our County Model School has been entrusted to a gentleman so thoroughly competent in every respect. Inspector Scarlett addressed the teachers on Arithmetic. Many valuable hints were thrown out—hints that cannot fail to benefit teachers even of large experience. Mr. W. E. Bartlett, then introduced in a very lucid and satisfactory manner the subject of "Reading." Prof. Macoun then followed with Geography. The Prof. exhibited a thorough mastery of his subject, and so portrayed his valuable ideas that his every remark must find permanent lodgment in the minds of all that had the pleasure of listening to him. His presence added much to the life of the Association. Mr. Kinney read an essay on the P. S. Curriculum. It was based on his own experience, was thoroughly practical and well received. Prof. Macoun's lecture in the evening on the "North-West" was a complete success. As the Prof. is an old friend of the teachers in this county, he will ever be welcomed in our midst and highly appreciated. The attendance of teachers and friends of education was good, and the business transacted and the topics discussed were of importance to the teaching profession.