

led to useful discussion. In the afternoon the first subject introduced was the Superannuation Fund. The President read over the different clauses of the circular from the Legislative Council, which were thoroughly discussed by Messrs. Tait, Jones, Armstrong, Galbraith, McMaster, Irvine, Buchanan, Hall, etc. After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMaster, that we instruct our delegate to the Provincial Convention (Mr. Galbraith), to condemn the scheme now before us, and vote against it. Carried unanimously. Mr. Tait then gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Natural Philosophy," and explained his method of teaching it to a class. Moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Galbraith, that this Association tender to Mr. Tait a hearty vote of thanks for his very instructive lecture. Carried. Mr. Morey then gave an exhibition of his method of teaching "Geography" to a class. He dealt principally with the map of North America. This brought the proceedings to a close, and it was felt by all that the present meeting was the most profitable and interesting ever held by the Association.

**PRESBOTT.**—The Convention of the Teachers of the County of Prescott was held at Vanleek Hill, on the 9th and 10th inst. Over one hundred Teachers and others interested in education were present. Quite an interest seemed to be taken in the proceedings and the utmost good will prevailed. The President, T. O. Steele, Esq., took the chair about 10 a.m., and after a short address, called for the election of officers for the present year, but on account of not many teachers being present at the opening, the election was deferred until the next day. Mr. Wm. Johnston explained his method of teaching Reduction, and in the absence of J. W. McCutcheon, Esq., Mr. Gray solved a few problems, which called forth remarks from the Misses Hardinge, Fairbairn, and Tillie Higginson, and from Messrs. Summerby, Bissett, Lefebvre and Page. Able essays on "How to Teach Geography" were read by Messrs. Kyle and Bissett. A lively discussion followed in which Messrs. Lefebvre, Summerby, A. Johnston, and Gray took part. Mr. T. Otway Page, B. A., delivered an able and eloquent address on Practical Chemistry, and then performed several chemical experiments, which for the most part were successful. He occupied altogether about two hours. In the evening Mr. J. M. Buchan, M. A., I. H. S., delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture in the Presbyterian Church, on "Poetry and Politics." Notwithstanding that the building was full, over three hundred being present, he secured the closest attention from the commencement to the close. *Second Day's Programme.* Mr. Duford, Assistant Inspector of Public Schools, gave an address in French, and was followed by Mr. Buchan, the subject of his remarks being "English Grammar." He gave the history of Grammar from the earliest to the present time, and explained how English Grammar should be taught, both as a science and as an art. At the close of his address he gave satisfactory answers to the several questions which were asked, in regard to this important subject. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to him at the close of each of his addresses. The election of officers then followed:—President, Mr. W. J. Summerby; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Houston, and Page; Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. H. Gray, Board of Audit, Messrs. J. Hayes, and Page; Managing Committee, Messrs. Duford, Dault, Bissett, and the Misses Cheney and O'Callaghan, and the officers elect. In the afternoon Mr. J. W. Summerby, I. P. S., gave some practical suggestions on teaching the various subjects on the Public School Programme, Mr. Morphy explained his method of teaching Algebra to a junior class, and Mr. Gray explained how he would conduct recitations, in spelling, in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes. Resolutions were passed locating the library at L'Original, and appointing the Inspector as librarian, and another to the effect that the Association will supply Teachers, who pay the fee for membership, with an Educational Journal. The selection of the time and place of the next meeting of the Association was left to the Managing Committee. The Superannuation Fund was not discussed, several Teachers taking no interest in it whatever.

H. GRAY, Secretary.

## REVIEWS.

THE MUSICAL TIMES for June contains an introductory history of Clement Marot, whose name is connected with the Huguenot Psalter; the continuation of sketches of Berlioz and Mr. Pops, the musician, a review of the lyrical drama, "Stella," and a dissertation on Old School Music vs. Modern, as practised in St. Paul's Cathedral. The topics are ably written and interesting. The music selected this month is a cradle song, "Peacefully Slumber, my own Darling Son," by Oliver King, set to a German translation by Dr. Dulcken, and is dedicated to his friend, J. W. F. Harrison Ottawa Canada. It is arranged for four voices, with piano-forte accompaniment and is quite a charming number, possessing some exquisite chords. The Musical Times is published monthly by Novello, Ewer & Co., London, Eng. Price 3d.

An ingenious school portfolio has been patented by C. J. Brown & Co.,

publishers, Randolph, New York. It comprises writing paper, movable head-lines, pen, blotter and pen wiper in a paper folding case, on which are printed instructions in penmanship, class-signals, &c. Five books compose the series. The contrivance possesses much merit; but a better system of calligraphy would enhance its value, as the one used is heavy and clumsy-looking.

**A SECOND GERMAN BOOK.** By Jas. H. Worman, A. M., Prof of Modern Languages in the Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N.Y. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York & Chicago. Boards, pp. 82.

This work is arranged on the Pestalozzian method. The lessons are well selected, the words being readily comprehensible by pupils of the second class, and the subject matter made up of very interesting extracts. The print is large, and stands out very clear on richly toned paper. Several of the exercises are in Roman type. This is a step in the right direction, and should be more observed by American publishers, for the majority of educational works in Germany are being issued in this style of letter. The illustrations are numerous, and are well executed.

**THE SOURCES AND GROWTH OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.** By Thos. Paige. London: Moffatt & Paige. Price 9d., pages 72.

This is another of the Primer Series. The first 14 pages contain a concise account of the languages whence the English language is derived, with suitable examples of each. Pages 16 to 49 are taken up with *prefixed*, *affixed* and *root words*, carefully selected from the Saxon, the Romance, the Latin and the Greek. From page 50 to 62 is a brief yet clear account of the leading authors in English Literature, and of their principal writings, with quotations. The remaining portion of the work consists of questions for examinations, with illustrative answers to the more prominent. On the whole, this primer will be very useful in laying a foundation in junior classes that may be built on in the more advanced. One of the defects of our system, i. e., the want of knowledge concerning our own authors, may be removed by a careful study of this treatise.

THE MOST PLEASANT COMPANIONS to take along for the holidays are Scribner's and Harper's Magazines.

**CHAMBERS' GEOGRAPHICAL READERS.** Edited by Professor Meiklejohn. There are few books which would interest a boy or girl ten years of age so much as one of these volumes. They give geographical information in a most attractive style. They contain no abstract definitions; they do not discuss names or statistics, but lead to a knowledge of men and places as they actually exist. They are excellent in method, matter and illustrations. For geographical object lessons teachers should buy one.

**DYSPERSIA AND HOW TO AVOID IT.** Philadelphia: Presley Blakiston. This publisher deserves the thanks of the public for the remarkably interesting and valuable series of works on hygiene which he has recently issued. They are all written in a popular style, and convey information of great value to every reader. They are cheap, and can scarcely fail to save their cost many times over in any family, if the directions given in them are followed. The little book now before us discusses the subject of its title under four heads: Food, Digestion, How to cook food, and How and what we ought to eat.

**HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE** contains all that is desirable for the entertainment and instruction of the class it is intended for. There is a great variety of interesting matter calculated to arrest the attention and excite the interest of the little ones, but totally unlike the dime-novel literature of the day. By its perusal, wholesome impressions are made on the child's mind, which are sure to lead to an improved moral and intellectual taste. The publication is one of the best of its kind in America.

**POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY,** July New York. D Appleton & Co. The articles in this valuable monthly are all instructive. Teachers will always get in them many facts and illustrations which will greatly add to the interest of the school-room. We print in this number of the JOURNAL one article from this monthly "How to Prevent Drowning." Of the other articles the most interesting are "Races of Mankind," "European Schools of Forestry," "Production of Sound by Radiant Energy," by A. Graham Bell, "Political Institutions," by Herbert Spencer; "Improvements in Electric Lighting," and "The Phenomena of Death."