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E. V. TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

THE ANNUAL GATHERING OPENED THURSDAY JAN. 5th.

A Number of Interesting Addresses Followed by Profitable Discussions.

The annual Convention of the Teachers of East Victoria met yesterday morning in the Union School at ten o'clock, with a large number of teachers from the county. Mr. Knight opened the proceedings with prayer, after which the secretary, Miss Nugent, read the minutes and the various committees were appointed.

The President's address was given by Mr. Peters, who spoke on the importance of school libraries—of their necessity in inculcating ideals of citizenship, of the selection of good books, and of the means of securing libraries. He suggested that the amount of the Government grant depend on the value of the school library.

Mr. E. A. Hardy led in this discussion on school libraries, and briefly explained the origin of the movement in this county. Two years ago at this Convention a paper on "The Town Council gave fifty dollars to this end, with which ten sets of books—all best—were sent around from school to school in this district. As far as Mr. Hardy knew, every school had had a set of these books at least once in the year. Three at least had been returned, and seven were still in circulation, and four had been bought by teachers or trustees. Four general principles were laid down: 1. History is most important in teaching children to be good citizens. 2. Teachers are lacking in knowledge of history. 3. History cannot be taught without fresh knowledge. 4. Teachers are not in financial condition to buy books.

Mr. Hardy went on to say that the teachers had not supported these school libraries as well as they might have, and urged them to take more interest in them, and show that interest.

Several teachers spoke commending these travelling libraries and testifying to the interest taken in them by the pupils.

Mr. Loehndel spoke on the "Preparation and Authorization of Text Books," and advised the teachers to take the lead in preparing text books and not to follow the Minister of Education. He said that Mr. Ross and Hon. Mr. Harcourt are willing to use the text books of practical teachers.

In the discussion which followed several of the teachers spoke in disappointing terms of the History text books now in use, and advocated a text book written by teachers who themselves teach history.

Dr. Goggin spoke very briefly and pointed out the difficulties in the way of good text books, the chief one being wide diversities of opinion among teachers themselves as to what is helpful. The publishers of text books are most anxious to have good books, and the Government has as much advice from educational bodies as is, perhaps, good for it.

The session then adjourned till the afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session of the East Victoria Teachers' Convention opened by roll call, followed by an admirable paper by Miss Armstrong on "Good Citizenship." Mr. J. J. Tilley then gave a talk on "Geography," showing that man's condition is determined by his surroundings. In North America he pointed out the prominent physical features—the slopes determining the drainage, the climate determining the products, the natural outlets and all affecting man.

Dr. Goggin next spoke on "Natural Study," and said that this branch had been taught in Manitoba for the last ten years, and that during that time many blunders had been made of which he might warn us. Perhaps the greatest had been too much use of the text books. Books like nature study, he pointed out the three aspects of it—the practical view of the matter, and the spiritual view went on to give the purpose of nature study. This is to study all parts of nature as living organisms. The attitude should be that of Emerson in his lines:

"Hast thou passed all the birds without a gun?
Loved the mild rose and left it on its stem?"

Do not bring nature to the child,

but take the child to nature, and teach him to be reverent and careful in his dealings with nature's children. Dr. Goggin then gave several illustrations of lessons on germination and buds, also on birds, showing that the plant world and the bird world are not so unlike our own.

Mr. Macmillan in introducing his subject, "The Bible in Schools," said that the school is the place to make good citizens. There is need of good character in this, and the teaching character in this, as Matthew Arnold says, is three-fourths of life. The bible teaches good conduct and tends to make character. Three points were touched on—that religion is practically ruled out of the schools, the reasons for letting it in, and how this might be done. The reason for this is that it is a masterfulistic age, and so our schools have become, in fact, artist studios, but shoe-peg factories. If the bible were left into the schools, it would tend to unite all classes, the rich and the poor, educated and illiterate, foreign and native-born. At present, the growing numbers of sectarian colleges is regaining the chasm between these classes. No one practically believes in the separation of the churches in the different breeds as a grand scheme. The same helps are used in our Sunday schools, throughout the churches. Mr. Macmillan said that the teacher's personality is most important—more so than anything else. The school is everything to the child, and if he does not get moral training, and if he does not get moral training at school, he often gets it somewhere else.

A motion was made that Mr. Macmillan's paper be published in the town daily, and that a copy be sent to every teacher in the County.

FRIDAY'S SESSIONS.

After the roll call and the minutes of the previous meetings, the reports were read. The treasurer reported \$50.55 on hand. Mr. Armour led in a discussion on "The Value of Imperfect Answers in Examinations," and spoke of the object of examinations, classification and a proper valuation of the child's knowledge. He pointed out the danger of a teacher magnifying the work of his own pupils and spoke of the value of a test on an examination paper. Mr. McEachern did not believe in the promotion examinations, and thought that if a teacher is fit to teach, he is fit to promote. Miss Thomas spoke briefly as to the value of answers in arithmetic.

Mr. J. J. Tilley then illustrated "Inductive Teaching," in its four stages—examination, composition, abstraction and generalization—in getting the concept of an island.

The first part of the afternoon was taken up with resolutions, on which there was some discussion. Then Mr. Tilley spoke on "School Management," and reminded the teachers not to expect a practical cure-all for the ills of school, and that school management depends largely on what is to be managed. To this end he spoke on the following instincts of child nature all of which must be regarded: Activity, love of change and variety, curiosity, mastery in conquest, and imitation.

At the end of this talk a vote of thanks was heartily given to Mr. Tilley, Dr. Goggin and Mr. Loehndel, all of whom had been much enjoyed by the Convention. After the report of the nominating committee had been given, the Convention adjourned till next year.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

The Ladies' Aid of Queen-st. Church pay a tribute to a Departing Member.

The Ladies' Aid of Queen-st. Methodist church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maunier on Monday night, February 2nd, for the purpose of saying good bye to Mrs. J. C. Mark, who has been an active worker in the church, and also to present the following address and make a presentation to her. Mr. Mark and family are residing now in Toronto. The following is the address:

To Mrs. J. C. Mark: Dear Friend—A number of your well-wishers of the Queen-st. Methodist church, Lindsay, embrace the present opportunity of conveying to you in some slight token the warm feeling of esteem and friendship and Christian love we have towards you. Your sympathy with the interests of the church, and your genial Christian kindness of disposition, have made you very dear to us, and while we bid you good bye, we are cheered by the reflection that in a new sphere of usefulness you will cheer other hearts and do all that devoted piety and womanly sympathy can avail in doing the Master's will, promoting the interests of His church and the happiness of His children.

As a memento from your many friends of this church, and more especially from the Ladies' Aid, we ask your acceptance of this Bible and Hymn Book, with the prayer that as you read and use them your friends will often remind you of your friends in Lindsay, whose prayers will follow you. The Master's presence go with you and yours, that it may abide with you and bless your work, and by and bye, when life's duties are all done and we are called on by one into His presence may there be a glad reunion in that heavenly home. We would desire it understood that the regret we feel extends to your estimable partner and family. We will miss you all very much, and we hope that "Our loss will be your gain," and in your new home we believe you will always exert a great influence for good.

Let us all hope and pray that we may in that heavenly home be gathered and known as His jewels and realize by participation that "Their attitude comes and walks with His Saviour comes and walks with His Saviour."

And sweet communion here have we, As angels with the white-robed throng, Join in the sweet redemption song.—Signed, Mrs. J. Pollard, President; Mrs. William Maunier, Secretary.

Perhaps they are sore and weak from constant coughing. How is this? Have you forgotten about the cough medicine your grandmother gave you 50 years ago—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral?

OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

INAUGURAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY FEB. 4th.

Mr. T. Stewart Re-elected Chairman—The Standing Committee—Teacher's Armour Granted an Increase of Salary, and the Sec.-Treasurer and Caretakers Prefer Requests to that End.

The first meeting of the Board of Education for 1903 was held on Feb. 4th in the Council chamber. The following members subscribed to the declaration of qualification and office and took their seats: Messrs. T. Stewart, D. R. Anderson, Dr. Blanchard, R. Kennedy, R. Kyle, Col. Deacon, J. G. Edwards, J. Staples, Dr. Jeffers, P. G. Pilkie and Jas. McKnight. Principals Harston, of the Collegiate, Broderick, of the Public Schools, and Mr. E. A. Hardy were also present.

Executive Officers. Mr. Spier, the secretary, called the meeting to order, and then said it was their duty to elect a chairman. On motion of Col. Deacon, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Stewart was appointed chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Stewart briefly thanked the members for the honor conferred.

Mr. Spier—"It's your duty next, gentlemen, to appoint a secretary, treasurer, and if you wish me to take it I must have an increase in salary for thirty years and I think a long service entitles me to a large remuneration."

On motion of Col. Deacon, seconded by Dr. Blanchard, Mr. Spier was re-appointed for 1903 at a salary to be fixed by the Board at a future meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on Jan. 6, 1903, were read and adopted.

The Standing Committee. On motion of Col. Deacon, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Board went into committee to consider the purpose of striking the several committees for the year. The following members were placed on the respective committees, the first named being chairman: Finance—Messrs. Staples, Anderson, Flavell, Kyle, Edwards and Blanchard. Management—Messrs. Anderson, Staples, Dr. Jeffers, McKnight, Pilkie and Kennedy. Visiting—Messrs. Deacon, Kyle, Edwards and McKnight. Lectures—Messrs. Flavell, Kyle and Blanchard.

The trustee elected in the north ward to fill Rev. Macmillan's place will be placed on the Management and Lecture committees.

Principal Harston presented his report for January. The total number of pupils on the roll for that month was 167, 100 being from Lindsay, 55 from outside counties. The average attendance was 151. He reminded the Board that the usual grant should be made for books and scientific apparatus, and that would be required during the year. The repairs to the building that were undertaken by the Board last year have not been completed, and he asked that the question of purchasing typewriters, shelled a year or two ago, be again carefully considered, as they were a necessity of commercial department equipment. A report for December was also read, showing the total amount collected from students, and stating that two town pupils were in arrears.

Principal Broderick's report showed the number of pupils on the roll for January to have been 87, the average attendance, 79.85, and the percentage 92. In addition to this he presented a summary of the attendance at the Public Schools for the last fifteen years, as follows:

| Year | Attendance | Average | Percentage |
|------|------------|---------|------------|
| 1888 | 920 | 546 | 59 |
| 1889 | 948 | 620 | 60 |
| 1890 | 1008 | 570 | 57 |
| 1891 | 1010 | 710 | 70 |
| 1892 | 1018 | 778 | 75 |
| 1893 | 1018 | 778 | 75 |
| 1894 | 1048 | 709 | 68 |
| 1895 | 1038 | 721 | 70 |
| 1897 | 1058 | 854 | 78 |
| 1898 | 1088 | 759 | 71 |
| 1899 | 1108 | 779 | 72 |
| 1900 | 1108 | 798 | 71 |
| 1901 | 1102 | 795 | 72 |
| 1902 | 1128 | 794 | 70 |

The report for 1896 was omitted on account of the papers having been sent to the Department and not returned. There was an increase in the total attendance for 1902, and if it had not been for the scarlet fever outbreak last summer the average would have been more. Mr. Broderick reminded the Board that two rooms in the Central school, and Miss Fox's room in the north ward, were in need of new desks. He further stated that the printing shop had not been filled, and as he was in need of material, that new tenders be called for.

Communications. From Miss Wray, extending her thanks to the Board on acceding to her request for increase of salary. From Mr. Colling, expressing his thanks for an increase of salary. From Misses Thomas and Workman in reference to the same.

From Mr. W. H. Stevens, stating that owing to having been appointed Inspector of Schools of West Victoria he wished to resign his position as Science Master of the Collegiate, his duties to cease at the end of March, also extending his thanks to the Board for their kind treatment during the last fourteen years. Mr. Stevens stated his liberality in making the Science department of the Collegiate one of the best in the Province. It was with great regret he was about to sever his connections with the staff and the Board, and hoped that in the future the Collegiate would still continue to hold its high position.

A General Discussion. Mr. Stewart—"Before going any further I wish to urge upon all members to attend meetings regularly, whether it be a Board or committee meeting. Several of the members are absent to-night, and it is important they should be present. One or two of the members have to do all the work and it is not right."

Mr. Anderson—"I don't understand why those two students were allowed to get behind. The collector was complaining to me the other day that he could not collect fees for the year."

Mr. Stewart—"I notice in Mr. Broderick's report that some of the teachers do not say whether pupils attended regularly or not. There is a column in the report left for them to fill in and we should see that it's done."

Mr. Anderson—"They are supposed to do that. Mr. Broderick, are they not, in sending in the report to you?"

Mr. Broderick—"Yes, but I think in making the reports hurriedly, some of the teachers occasionally overlooked that."

Mr. Stewart—"It must be looked after."

Mr. Broderick—"What about the printing for 1903? It's not done and we are out of supplies."

Mr. Stewart—"You have mentioned that, Mr. Broderick, in your report."

Mr. Anderson—"We had better call a special meeting to consider that."

On motion of Dr. Blanchard, the above reports and communications were referred to their respective committees.

Resignation Accepted. On motion of Dr. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Pilkie, Mr. Spier's resignation was accepted. His duties to cease on March 23rd.

Sundry Matters. On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Staples, the County auditor was appointed auditors of the Public School accounts for 1902, at a salary of \$5 each.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Staples, the usual grant of \$50 was made to the Science department and library of the Collegiate for the year.

Public Library Representative. Mr. Kyle—"I understand Mr. Wm. Flavell's term expired in January, as a member of the Public Library."

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Staples, Mr. Flavell was re-appointed.

A Transfer of Duties. Moved by Dr. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Kyle, that the clerk advertise in the Toronto Globe and Mail for a Science Master to fill Mr. Stevens' place, and that the applicant name his salary—Carried.

The School Caretakers. Mr. Anderson—"The caretakers of the Public Schools are asking for increase of salaries."

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