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### HAMILTON TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The Hamilton Teachers' Convention in its third year, was held at the Methodist Church, Milton, last Wednesday and Thursday. It was one of the most interesting and instructive conventions in the history of the Association. The only disappointing feature was the absence of Mr. H. H. Cowley, M. A., Inspector of Continuation Classes, whom the teachers had hoped to meet for the first time.

Pending the arrival of the President, Mr. W. H. Stewart, Acton, the convention was opened by the Vice-President, Mr. Geo. Graham, Oakville, Ont.

The features of the morning exercises were a paper by the President on "How to Make our Pupils Write," in which he explained the importance of penmanship to the teachers, his method of developing the quality of penmanship in the pupils, a very humorous and instructive address by "Fanny English" by Mr. H. D. Coult, D.A., and an exceedingly taught lesson by Miss Kathleen Langton, on "The Dandy." The afternoon session was opened by the President, Mr. W. H. Stewart, Acton, who dealt with the subject of penmanship, the former demonstrating the value of penmanship in arithmetical problems, and the latter her method of securing rapidity in adding.

In the afternoon Mr. Geo. Graham, being elected President, and Mr. Patterson Vice-President for the coming year. Miss Kennedy, Acton, Mr. Deacon, and Mr. Inman, Milton, were re-elected to their offices.

The teachers and towns-people were very pleasantly entertained in the evening by an address on "Maebeth" by Mr. H. H. Cowley, D.A., and a musical program by local talent.

Perhaps the principal feature of the convention was the presence of Mr. John Doorness, M.A., vice-principal of the London Normal School, who came on in the Thursday morning session with an address on "Method of Nature Study," in which he explained to the teachers that nature study does not mean the accumulation of a lot of facts about nature, but rather the development of the powers of observation and investigation. Later in the afternoon Mr. Doorness delivered the address on "The Pedagogues of Spelling and Writing as Art of Expression," after which Mr. J. T. Lillis, D.A., principal of Oakville High School, dealt with words commonly mispronounced, and with the teachers to arrive at correct pronunciations.

The usual resolutions were passed; an adjournment was made to meet next year in Georgetown; the weather was very hot and the people hereabouts the teachers departed feeling that they had spent two days most pleasantly and profitably.

### HAMILTON CONFERENCE

The thirteenth annual session of the Hamilton Conference will be held at Berlin, commencing in the joint session of ministers and laymen at two o'clock this afternoon.

The Stationing Committee met at two p. m. on Monday.

The Stationing Secretaries on Tuesday at two p. m.

The Conference Treasurers also met at that time.

The laymen's session is being held in the Methodist Church, Waterloo, commencing at eight p. m. last evening and continuing until nine a. m. tomorrow.

All devotional exercises will be under the direction of the President. The singing will be led by Rev. H. G. Leighton, Hamilton.

The Rev. H. J. Elliott, of Waterloo, who is President of the Conference, will preside, and Rev. J. H. Jackson, of Paris, is Secretary.

There are in the Hamilton Conference fourteen districts, and about two hundred and seventy-five ministers. These will, with a few exceptions, all be present, and there is a lay delegate for each minister.

### WESTERN WHEAT DOING WELL

Seedling operations completed and only eight or ten per cent. less than last year.

Telegraphic reports received by the Winnipeg Free Press the past few days from 90 points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, covering seedling conditions make evident the fact that the west majority of the farmers have completed wheat seedling and turned their attention to other grains. A summary of the reports so far received indicates that the acreage in wheat in Manitoba will be from eight to ten per cent. more than last year, but that the Province of Saskatchewan will show an increase. The general tenor of the reports is most encouraging. The great majority report that the earlier sown wheat at from one to two inches above ground, and the plants are vigorous. Practically every point heard from reports the soil in splendid condition, and the seed well put in. All that is wanted is warm weather and later a little rain.

### CHEWONG CORNERS

Beautiful weather for the 23rd of May.

The 23rd passed off very quietly here. A few took in the picnic at Brookville and report it to be one of the best ever held in those parts. Brookville never does anything by halves.

A pullion is being circulated to have preaching here and at Milton every Sunday instead of every alternate Sunday as at present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lavigne arrived home on Saturday from Amherst and Hamilton.

Miss J. Croshaw, of Toronto, spent the holiday at her home here.

Miss Martha Little, of Toronto, is spending a week with her friend, Miss Anne Duff.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frick and the Misses Peck, of Toronto, spent the 23rd at Mr. H. Giblin's, and on the 24th at Mr. H. Wambrough's, of Central Business College, Toronto, was home for his holidays.

Mothers J. Macpherson and A. Eichel, of Acton, spent Sunday with friends here.

### SOME OBSERVATIONS.

Reminiscences Engendered by a Walk Through the New Cemetery.

The location of the Council, on some time ago, of expending considerable sums of money on the cemetery, and the fact that the entrance, walks, etc., more beautiful and neat, will be endorsed by citizens generally. One "City of the Dead" is becoming more and more a place of resort by those who have laid the remains of departed ones there, and also by those who, though only strangers, have the "fellow-feeling" which makes the world akin.

The time is now at hand when the thoughts of many will find their way to the cemetery, and what is going to be done it would be well to think of quickly.

Perhaps our familiarity with the place leads to lack of appreciation of its beauty. The cemetery is a beautiful place. And, indeed, they may well say so. Its location is appropriate, being quite back from the busy thoroughfares, leading to the busy town, and yet commanding an attractive view of the town, schools, and churches. It is a beautiful place, and it is a beautiful place, and it is a beautiful place.

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