

Convention of S.  
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held in  
and 10th Oct. 1879.

Durham, 9th Oct., 1879.

The resolution passed at

the Teachers of South

Public School which was

for the purpose by the

President, Wm. Fergu-

son, the chair.

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opened by prayer

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On motion meeting adjourned at 5:30

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Mr. Walker continued the discussion most intelligently and somewhat fully in opposition to the proposed changes in the methods of promotion in our schools.

Mr. Leonard suggested that in the arithmetic paper the examples should not be taken from the text book in use.

Mr. D. Grier stated difficulties and asked for additional light.

After Mr. Geo. Irwin had made a few remarks the discussion which proved both interesting and useful, was brought to a close.

On motion Mr. Hall was called on to give in his report as delegate to the Provincial Association which met at Toronto. This he did very thoroughly and intelligently, giving a full synopsis of the work done, especially in the Public School Section of the Association during their three days' meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hall for his report.

Dr. Gun, of Durham, was then called on for his address on "Chemistry with Experiments" and when introduced to the meeting was most cordially received. The Dr. confined himself in his address to gases, explaining their nature, properties, combinations, &c., so fully, fluently and intelligently, that for more than half an hour he held the individual attention of his audience to a subject that in the hands of some lecturers is found dry and uninteresting.

After his address and in illustration of the truths therein stated, Dr. Gun, with the very efficient help of Mr. Shepherd, performed many most interesting experiments with the gases, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen and carbolic acid, which for more than another half hour interested and delighted the members of the Association. The hearty thanks of the Association was tendered to Dr. Gun and Mr. Shepherd. In conveying the thanks of the meeting, the President took occasion to remark that the teachers in his Inspectorate owed much to Dr. Gun for the great trouble he had put himself in their behalf on this and former occasions.

On motion meeting adjourned at 5:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Meeting called to order by the President at 9 o'clock, and opened with prayer. Mr. D. Grier leading at the request of the President.

Mr. D. Grier being next on the programme, was called on for his paper on "Missing Links in Canadian School System." In introducing his subject he mentioned several links which, in his opinion were missing, but intimated his intention of duly discussing only one, viz.: a good plan for obtaining necessary improvements in our authorized text books.

The essay which was well received gave rise to a good deal of discussion in which Messrs. Armstrong, Hall, Jones and Leonard took part. Thereafter on motion by the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Jones, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the President.

At the suggestion of the President, Mr. Reid, of Mount Forest, was asked to make some remarks to the Association. This Mr. Reid did on an address replete with admirably practical suggestions, couched in fine language, and delivered with many of the graces of the true orator. After a most cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Reid, he was asked if his address could be put into shape for publication, and he kindly promised to endeavor to put it into the printer's hands. (See address on first page.)

Miss McMillan then took up her subject "Object Lessons." The paper conveyed a great many excellent thoughts most admirably expressed. In the class work Miss McMillan showed great tact in inducing the children of the class to express in their own language the amount of knowledge they possessed of the object which was taken as the subject of the lesson, viz.: the Eye. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Miss McMillan.

With a class from the Durham School, Mr. Giffen illustrated his method of "Teaching Grammar to a Junior Class."

He took up the parts of speech and showed that the parts of speech are analytic—*not* the synthetic. He held that for a true student should he taught Grammatically, and we might say incidentally not formally. After the class was dismissed, Messrs. Jones, Legate, D. Grier, Rielie, Hall, Campbell, and Walker took part in the discussion, all expressing approval of Mr. Giffen's method.

Meeting adjourned, to meet at 1 o'clock,

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Miss Corry read an excellent paper on "How to Teach Reading," which gave rise to a good deal of discussion in which Messrs. Grier, Campbell, Leonard, Walker, Jones and Irwin took part, after which on motion by the Secretary, the thanks of the Association was awarded to Mr. Corry.

Mr. Grier took up his paper on "Education," which was most favorably received, and after being fully discussed by Messrs. Leonard, D. Grier and Legate, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Irwin.

Mr. Jones then took up his subject, and gave many most useful and practical hints to teacher's proposing to enter a Normal School. Mr. Jones' experience having reference to the Ottawa School entirely. Mr. Giffen was asked to explain his method adopted by the County of Perth and practical suggestions of a proposal that teachers be set apart for the examination in schools in a committee matter at some future time.

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the Question Drawer, and urged to take an interest in the matter by sending in their questions in time, so that they may be fully satisfied by the members of Committee, and that one-half hour in the afternoon of each day of the Association Meeting be especially set apart for answering questions.

Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Jones, That Fletcher be our next

pace of meeting and that we meet on Friday and Saturday, instead of on Thursday and Friday, as at present, and that the appointment of the date of meeting be in the hands of the Managing Committee.

This brought the business of the Convention to a close, and it was felt by every one present, that the hopes of the President expressed in his opening address, were fully realized that the meeting just closed had been by far the most interesting and most practical of any ever held by the Association.

Mr. Ferguson, I.P.S., JOHN C. BAIN,

President. JOHN C. BAIN,

Secretary.

Terrible Accident in

Guelph

(From the Guelph Mercury.)

The Grand Trunk Railway Company levies

an awful toll on the lives of the community in this section of the country. It almost seems as though every few miles of the track de-

manded a life during the year. At all events

had been lost in the last two years in this neighborhood.

Two men were killed on the

line between Guelph and

Waterloo, and one man

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