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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Executive of the Ontario Educational Association, elected at the recent Easter convention has entered on its programme for 1945-46. Chairmen have been named for the various committees and are selecting their co-workers and preparing to make, at the meeting of the Executive on June 16, initial suggestions for the year's programme. One project already under way is an investigation into the cause, and possible cure, of irregular school attendance.

Plans have been made to hold educational conferences at four or five centres in Ontario including Port Arthur and Fort William. This is a continuation of the policy of the O.E.A. during the past two years, in accordance with which eight conferences have been held in Ontario at various centres as widely separated as Ottawa, North Bay, and Windsor. To these conferences are invited representatives of all

organizations interested in the development of our youth, in order that there may be obtained a cross-section of public opinion on the needs of education in the Province.

On May 10, the Executive presented to the Department of Education thirteen recommendations regarding Bible Study, state support of education, teacher-training, public health nurses in teacher-training institutions, school health, physical education departments in secondary schools, courses of study in arts and crafts, a text-book in social studies, and the inclusion of economics in the Secondary School curriculum.

The O.E.A. is anxious to help in the solution of the problems of education in our province and is seeking to make the most practical and constructive contribution toward increasing the effectiveness of our entire educational programme. It realizes that every good citizen must be able to make a living for himself and his family, and therefore training for this purpose is fundamental in our educational system. It is, however, equally essential that people know how to live together in understanding and goodwill, respecting the rights of one another, appreciating the heritage which has come to them and realizing that the blessings of our democratic way of life can continue only if we individually accept some definite responsibility for the well-being of the state; that we must give as well as get; that we must contribute if we would enjoy; and that we must put into operation continuously the golden rule, the good-neighbour policy towards all others in the community. To the end that our boys and girls, and adults as well, may be led to appreciate more fully the part which they should play in building such a democratic community and that they may be able to enjoy a full, free and happy life, the O.E.A. pledges its efforts during the coming year and earnestly requests the cooperation of, and constructive suggestions from, all who wish to see in our Province and Dominion a people of high ideals, healthy, happy and prosperous.

*H. R. Kingston*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



G. E. EVANS

*Principal of Vaughan Rd. C. I., York.  
President of the College and Secondary  
School Department.*

As President of the College and Secondary School Department, I wish to take this opportunity of sending greetings to the members of the various Sections in our Department. For many years our only means of communication and discussion has been the annual meeting at Easter. This is the first time that we have undertaken to contact our members at any other time during the year. If our news letter is a success and seems to meet a need of the teachers of the province, it may grow into something much larger than what you see in this issue. So I venture to solicit your interest in the reports and messages from our various Sections as contained in this issue.

I think perhaps I should report that the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Education has invited our Department and the various Sections in it to submit briefs to him on the general question of curriculum and examinations. Your executive has already held one meeting to deal with this question and we hope before long to hold another one with a view to the presentation of a number of suggestions to the Royal Commission. Several Sections are also planning to submit separate briefs dealing with their own special problems.

I hope that this news letter will be a means of quickening your interest in our Department so that a larger number of teachers, especially from the outlying centres of population, may attend our meetings at Easter, 1946. Your executive will endeavour to plan an interesting programme for you.

*Geo. E. Evans, Pres.*

### THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

At the dinner meeting on Easter Monday night Dr. Althouse, in a brief message, once more showed his sincere interest in the growing importance of the headmaster's position as an education leader in his community. The President-elect of the University of Toronto, Dr. Sidney Smith, in his inspiring address challenged everyone present to show a living faith in Canada.

At the Tuesday morning session the President, Mr. McWilliams, told of the great work being done in London for returned service men; proposed changes in the constitution were thoroughly discussed; the new summer school course for principals was explained and the newly appointed principal of the course, Mr. W. D. Atkinson of Glebe Collegiate Institute, Ottawa, was received with enthusiasm.

Mr. George Evans of Vaughan Road Collegiate Institute gave a very detailed analysis of the teachers' load as determined by an investigation in the suburban Toronto schools. He gave several practical time-table suggestions and said that definite regulations should be laid down by the

Department of Education to protect teachers from an overload.

W. E. Hanna, Secretary

### ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ART AND CRAFTS

Resolutions presented to the Department of Education:

1. That this Association request the Department of Education to encourage the teaching of those optional topics in the course in secondary schools called History of Art, in the following ways:

- (a) by having some form of teachers' handbook written specifically for the course outlined for each grade.
- (b) by making available at reasonable prices suitable accompanying illustrative material.

2. That the Association request the Department of Education to form a committee composed of teachers from secondary and vocational schools, university instructors of art, and practising artists to study and make recommendations regarding the training and supervision of teachers of art in secondary schools.

The second request, Resolution 2, has already been granted by Dr. Althouse.

Janie Garland,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### MATHEMATICS SECTION

The Mathematics Section revealed in its proceedings, an awareness that the usefulness and human worth of Mathematics must be constantly examined. Four speakers contributed to the programme. Mr. Harold L. Armstrong spoke of the qualities that industry looks for in young people. Dr. Henry Bowers examined the contribution of Mathematics to clear thinking. Mr. E. A. Orr discussed the need for revision in Grade IX Mathematics, and Professor Gordon Pall outlined some recent developments in the Theory of Numbers.

The following recommendations were proposed by the resolutions committee:

1. That more time be given to Mathematics in Grade VII and VIII.
2. That in Grade IX, the time given to Business Arithmetic be used for fundamental Arithmetic.
3. That in Grade IX, an intensive course be given in Algebra, and that the geometric content be postponed until Grade X.

An important objective for 1945 was proposed by Dr. L. Jeffrey, who discussed the need for a special body or committee to investigate our teaching problems. H. A. Mulligan



# COLLEGE AND SECONDARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION PROPOSES CHANGE OF NAME

A Resolution soliciting permission to change the name of the Section to "Science Teachers' Association of Ontario", was proposed and carried at the Easter convention. In the minds of a great many, the name "Natural Science" was not sufficiently comprehensive.

Membership in the Section has in the past few years increased in a most gratifying manner. This is due to several factors: Science teachers in general are very much interested in the advances being made in Science and membership in the Section provides the opportunity for further preparation; this interest is maintained by adhering to a policy of arranging for outstanding speakers to present topics of general and specific interest to the Section; to ensure full enjoyment of the addresses for those able to attend the convention, and to keep those unable to attend in touch with the latest developments, a complete account of the lectures is sent in the form of "Convention Addresses" to each member. Last year 234 members received their copies and the present members will receive the new notes as soon as they can be conveniently prepared.

The Section has enjoyed the full confidence of the Department of Education in preparing many resolutions having to do with curriculum changes and problems of general interest to every Science teacher. At the present time, as a result of a resolution of a year ago, considerable work is being done to try to make more, better, and cheaper Canadian-made apparatus available for all schools.

All Science teachers are urged to join the Section, not only to keep in touch with developments but to share in them. Late membership fees may be sent directly to the new Secretary-Treasurer, Howard J. Dignan, 28 Central Avenue, Mimico, Ontario.

J. Hermon Couke



## THE ONTARIO COMMERCIAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION

Mr. Frank Ward, Supervisor of Commercial Education, Canadian Vocational Training Department, told of the elaborate plans made by the business colleges for the returned man who chooses a commercial career. He said, "We must finish the job over here for the boys who have finished the job for us over there".

Mr. F. G. Patten, Business Administrator, Collegiate Institute Board, Ottawa, speaking on the topic, "Post-War Opportunities for Youth", said, "There seems to me to be a reasonable chance to achieve full employment in Canada".

Professor Ross B. Willis, Head of the Department of Business Administration, University of Western Ontario, in his talk on "Retailing and Commercial Education" had this to say: "Unquestionably the next five years will see a considerable increase in the number of retailers in Canada".

Mr. A. F. Hare, Eastern High School of Commerce, Mr. E. H. Hampson, Central High School of Commerce, and Miss Mary A. O'Connell, Peterborough Collegiate Institute, were presented with Life Memberships.

Dr. W. G. Bennett, Ontario College of Education, Toronto, reported progress on the Short-hand Survey. Mr. G. R. Hoffman, Beal Commercial and Technical High School, London, was elected president for 1945-46.

A branch of the O.C.T.A. in Toronto district named the Toronto and District Business Education Association, has been organized.

The objectives are:

- (1) To promote the interests of business education at all educational levels;
- (2) To cooperate with other agencies endeavouring to improve business education;
- (3) To interpret to school officials and to the public the value and function of business education;
- (4) To develop a fraternal spirit among members of the Association.

Meetings will be held two or three times a year.

B. H. Hewitt

## MODERN LANGUAGE TEACHERS INITIATE REFORMS

The Easter convention of the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association was an outstanding success. In his presidential address, Prof. H. A. Freeman of McMaster University assessed the methods and results of the Army Training Programmes as they relate to Modern Languages. This timely and significant evaluation will be placed on record in the O.E.A. Book of Proceedings, which is scheduled to appear in September. The effectiveness of the direct oral approach and the intensive method of instruction was demonstrated by Dr. E. D. de Sauze of Cleveland in his address on the Principles and Technique of the Multiple Approach. Dr. de Sauze's inspiring address will constitute the leading article in the June issue of the Canadian Modern Language Review, the official organ of the O.M.L.T.A. Dr. Robert Arnold's address in German on 'Das deutsche volkslied' was greatly appreciated by those teaching the German language, and Professor de Champ of University College delighted the audience with his animated resume of 'Un demi-siècle d'enseignement du français'. Professor de Champ, who has now retired from active service at the University, carries away with him the affection of his colleagues as well as the gratitude and good wishes of his numerous disciples.

At the Wednesday morning session, April 4, resolutions were passed, stressing: (1) the need for a set of supplementary exercises to bridge the gap between grade XII and grade XIII German; (2) the need for a more uniform emphasis on the study of English grammar; (3) the desirability of releasing lists of selected textbooks before the end of the school year; (4) the need for smaller classes to facilitate oral work; (5) the desirability of providing French broadcasts and films.

The above resolutions are being carefully considered by the Department of Education. Join the O.M.L.T.A. and help us carry out our programme of reform.

G. A. Klinck



# EDUCATION FOR BETTER CITIZENSHIP

## WOMEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION

The Women's Physical Education Section co-operated with the Men's Section to present Dr. J. G. Althouse as guest speaker at a luncheon meeting. Dr. Althouse stressed the part the Physical Education teachers will be asked to play in the near future, when the schools will be opened for adult recreation, and urged their help and co-operation. The School Health Section joined these two sections in bringing Mr. V. S. Blanchard (Director of Health and Physical Education in Detroit Schools and Wayne University) to speak on "School Health Problems" and Dr. Mary L. Northway of the Psychology Department, University of Toronto, on "Healthful Development of the Child". As health problems are of vital importance to all, these two addresses were invaluable. A resolution was passed and has been presented through the Ontario Educational Association to the Department of Education, urging that in each school there be a head of Physical Education appointed both for boys and girls. Our aim is to raise the standards of the teaching of Health and Physical Education and to stimulate and develop an intelligent consideration of the problems of Health and Physical Education among all teachers.

J. M. Forster, Pres.

## MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION

The Meeting of the Men's Physical Education Section was well attended and featured a talk by Mr. Ziegler, Principal of Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate, who discussed the attitude of the principal toward Physical Education in the school. An address by Mr. V. S. Blanchard, Director of Physical Education for the schools of Detroit, stressed the need of physical activity for the great mass of the students, rather than competition between schools involving only a specialized group.

This Section hopes to be able to aid in raising the standards of physical education in the province by aiming for a uniform method of testing the pupil and closer cooperation among instructors in the subject matter taught.

D. White, Secretary

## HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAMME

The Home Economics Section of the Ontario Educational Association has initiated Regional Conferences, in order to pursue a more vigorous role in their special field of education. The organization meeting was held in March in Toronto, at which time chairmen of 12 districts met to plan an over-all programme for their districts.

At the Easter convention two important resolutions were passed by the Home Economics Section:

- (1) That Home Economics be accepted on a par with all other subjects in grades XII and XIII for entrance to University.
- (2) That the graduation diploma from the Vocational course in secondary schools be accepted as an entrance requirement to the Nursing profession.

Willena Wright, Pres.

## GREETING FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In the Newsletter before the Easter Convention, it was stated that an increase of a thousand members was the objective of the Membership Committee. The General Secretary, Mr. Paul Sutton, enthusiastically reports that the increase has been most satisfactory, as you may see elsewhere in this Newsletter. When asked "To what do you attribute the marked increase?", he replied, "To the outstanding programmes presented by each Department and Section, plus that extra 'umph', that really interested educationists can display when they get the job under way."

Your new Membership Committee is asking your assistance in rolling up a new high for the O.E.A. Presidents of Departments and Sections, start now to build that next programme. Make plans to increase your membership. Submit suggestions to this committee. Read carefully the new 1945 Annual Report and discuss the addresses in your group meetings. See that your name is recorded in the back of the Report, along with the names of all other paid-up members. Let our effort once more spell success for the O.E.A. and for education in Ontario!

G. A. Shewfelt,  
Chairman of  
Membership Committee

## 1945 O. E. A. MEMBERSHIP

Some O.E.A. officers have wondered if the new compulsory membership in the Ontario Teachers' Federation would detract from the voluntary O.E.A. membership. Returns to date show that such is not the case. Almost every Section shows an increase in membership, the greatest increase, 181, being in the Urban Teachers' Section. Sixty-one urban schools enrolled 100%; with Danforth Technical School, Toronto, 66 members, at the head of the list. Seven hundred and four more teachers joined the Association in 1945 than in 1944.

The 1945 enrolment by Departments is as follows: Public School Department—2891; College and Secondary School Department—2401; Supervising and Training Department—456; Trustees' and Ratepayers' Department—2955; General Association—197—a total of 8900.

## O.E.A. ANNUAL REPORT

The Editorial Committee is busy with the 1945 Annual Report which, they intend, will be distributed early in September.

A limited number of the 1942, 1943 and 1944 Annual Reports are available and copies can be secured from the General Secretary, H. P. Sutton, 263 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto, for 25 cents each. A few copies of the 96-page booklet, containing Dr. S. R. Laycock's seven fine addresses delivered at the 1944 O.E.A. convention, are also available at 25 cents each.

## PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

The Board of Directors of the O.E.A. authorized the Executive Committee to prepare a brief on educational reform to be presented to the Royal Commission on Education at its June meeting. The following timely topics will be discussed,—(1) Enlisting Public Support; (2) Publicity for Education; (3) Avoidance of Uniformity; (4) Maintaining Progress; (5) Selection of Prospective Teachers; (6) Training of Teachers in Service; (7) Supervision of Instruction; (8) Inter-Departmental Co-operation; (9) Secondary Education; (10) Adult Education; (11) Higher Education; (12) Canadian Citizenship Promotion.

It is probable that all Departments and Sections of the O.E.A. will wish to submit independent briefs dealing with their own special problems.



# SUPERVISING AND TRAINING DEPARTMENT

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After the 1945 Convention, of which the key-note was "Education for Better Citizenship", we returned to our particular fields with a definite feeling of responsibility, but at the same time with the consciousness that, with the Ontario Educational Association as a co-ordinating factor, we are not working alone in our problems. A feeling of comradeship—whether it be in work or play—is an element which sends people to their tasks with renewed vim and vigour. Thus the experiences and successes of each, shared at the Easter Convention, become the pathway and inspiration for us all in our work with the young people of our province.

In the closing month of the present school year,—we realize more than ever the responsibility that is ours to send on into the coming year students who have a recognition of the value and necessity in human relations of honour, truth, and clean living; of unselfish service, co-operation, and kindness; of good scholarship, skill, and craftsmanship; and of faith in the Divine Being.

And so to our tasks, multitudinous and various as they are. But at the same time, may we continue to give and receive help and inspiration through our contacts in the Ontario Educational Association.

*N. R. Wightman, Pres.*

### ONTARIO SCHOOL INSPECTORS' ASSOCIATION

The convention of the Ontario School Inspectors' Association (in its alter-ego, the Inspectors' Section of the O.E.A.) was held as usual last Easter in Toronto, at the Royal York. Formal addresses were this year reduced to a minimum, most of the available two half-days and the after-luncheon hours being devoted to a discussion of various administrative and supervisory problems.

A feature of the luncheon meeting at noon on Tuesday, April 3rd, was the presentation of honorary membership certificates to 55 retired Elementary and Secondary School Inspectors. It was a pleasure to see so many former Inspectors present to receive these certificates in person.

Another interesting event at the Tuesday luncheon was the presentation of an oil painting to Dr. J. D. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, by the Inspectors of the Province as a testimonial to his long years of devoted service to Ontario education.

Many regional group activities were reported to the Association on Monday, April 2nd. Groups of Inspectors and Normal Masters, who meet regularly once or twice a year, centre on Hamilton, London, Toronto, Barrie, and Ottawa.

The Research Committee of the O.S.I.A. reported to the parent body a number of co-operative research activities completed or in process of completion. A second Yearbook was announced by the Research Committee to follow the most creditable first Yearbook published last fall.

*J. R. McVittie, Sec'y.*

### TRAINING SECTION DISCUSSES IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION

The need for good teachers will be especially keen during the next few years. There are now in the province 800 teachers without Ontario certificates. Untrained teachers have to be trained and teachers retiring in the normal way have to be replaced. Recognizing that this is a grave period for teacher education, members of the Training Section devoted a large part of their convention time to a general discussion of problems.

Recruiting of more teachers is immediately necessary. Dominion-Provincial student-aid scholarships and bursaries are now being offered to assist worthy students to finance their training as teachers. All persons interested in education must share the responsibility for discovering and guiding those pupils who are likely to become successful teachers.

Selection of promising candidates, or prediction of teaching success, is not a simple matter, but progress is being made. Physical vitality, balanced mental health, and an abounding enthusiasm for teaching are necessary foundations of the training programme. It was generally agreed that a longer period of pre-service training would be very desirable, and also, that a system of exchanging credits with the universities would strengthen in-service training.

For several years special attention has been given to maintaining optimum balance between systematic training in teaching procedures and principles on the one hand and observation and practice on the other. Methods of instruction have fostered student initiative and responsibility; directed observation schemes have shown students how to observe; and practice teaching organization has stressed the planning and

executing of complete programmes. Thus, student teachers learn to adjust themselves as early as possible to real-teacher situations. *J. D. Deyell, Pres.*

### A MUSIC SECTION CHORUS

The Music Section is probably one of the most versatile groups of the O.E.A. Its membership is composed of teachers, supervisors, and interested musicians. The first group teach music in elementary or secondary schools, as well as the other subjects on the curriculum; the second group are concerned only with music in the schools, and teach in rural ungraded, urban graded schools, or both, or supervise the teachers in these classes. The third group is made up of teachers who give private instruction in piano, vocal, organ or instrumental work. Many are church organists and choir leaders; many are soloists. There are also the Normal School teachers, who train the students to teach school music. Some music publishers have also joined the section.

During the O.E.A. sessions, many of the members are engaged in various other Sections, supplying musical items for their programmes. Several are directly connected with the O.E.A. Concert, and give freely of their time for rehearsals.

There is one way that the membership can get together, however, and that is by uniting in song. A Music Section Chorus of all the members was formed last Easter, and led by Mr. G. Roy Fenwick, supervisor of Music for the province, three rehearsals were held, and the Chorus sang at the final concert of the O.E.A. in Massey Hall, as well as at a joint session with the Ontario Music Teachers' Association in the King Edward Hotel. The Section hopes to plan for an Orchestra of the members in the near future.

*Alice Wilson, Sec'y.*



# PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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A list of the officers of the Public School Department for 1945-46 may prove of interest to many teachers.

Public School Department—President—Mary McIntyre, Sarnia;  
Secretary—E. H. Stephenson, 81 Wolverleigh Blvd., Tor.

*Sections of Public School Department*—Dramatic Arts—President—J. C. Heard, Toronto; Secretary—Miss W. N. Miles, Toronto; Home and School—President—Mrs. W. K. C. Campbell, Toronto, Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Wade, Toronto; Kindergarten—President—Mrs. E. Relyea, Toronto, Secretary—Miss H. Featherstone, Toronto.

Ont. Association of Industrial Arts and Crafts—President—J. R. Cryderman, Ingersoll; Secretary—J. Webster, Toronto; Primary Teachers—President—Miss V. Chowen, Stratford; Secretary—Miss A. Belfry, Toronto; Rural Teachers—Miss M. Wood, Burketon; Secretary—R. S. Murray, Dundas; School Health—President—Dr. L. W. Pritchett, Galt; Secretary—Miss Hollister, Weston; Special Class Teachers—President—F. J. Clute, Welland; Secretary—Miss M. Whiting, Toronto; Urban Principals—President—W. L. Bell, Brampton; Secretary—I. B. Perkin, Toronto; Urban Teachers—President—Lila Ellison, East York; Secretary—Dalton Morrison, East York.

NOTE—The Presidents of the 10 Sections constitute the Executive Committee of the Public School Department.

*E. H. Stephenson, Secretary*

## URBAN TEACHERS

I appreciate the honour of having been elected President of the Urban Teachers' Section at the Annual Meeting on April 4th, 1945. Congratulations to Mr. Coulter, our Past President, and his committee on the very interesting programme provided for us at the Easter Convention.

In recent years the aims of education have changed and never before has so much been required of the teacher. No one knows this better than the teacher himself. We are fortunate to have the privilege of belonging to the Ontario Educational Association and of attending the Easter Convention, where we are informed of all progressive measures which have for their purpose the advancement of education.

Year by year the programme of the Urban Teachers' Section provides us with the opportunity of hearing the most outstanding speakers, who not only give us

inspiration to carry on with our important tasks, but also help us to deal with our routine problems of instruction. The discussion and question periods enable the members to take an active part in the programme.

Our Association can help every teacher. Let us bring about a substantial increase in the membership of the Urban Section.

Lila A. Ellison,  
President

## ADVERTISING YOUR PROGRAMME

V.E. Day is past, but the powers must keep planning and working to maintain this Victory. They must not rest on their oars until another occasion arises, but must plan and work to prevent the need of such another day. So too must the 1946 Executives of the various Departments and Sections of the O.E.A. plan and prepare for a bigger and better convention

next Spring. Now is the time to lay the foundation. If left until next Spring the rush will be too great for best results. Let us make the O.E.A. an all around the year help to teachers, not just a three day convention. Plan your programme early and keep it in the teachers' minds by having your plans and ideas published in these News Letters which reach thousands of teachers three times a year.

Last year the Public School Department took another step along the road to progress by having the Publicity Committee enlarge the News Letter and allot two pages to the Public School Department for the different Sections. Take advantage of this opportunity and keep the teachers anxiously waiting for this News Letter by mailing your items of interest and plans for the future to L. W. Coulter, Public School Department Representative on the Publicity Committee, 60 Woodville Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

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## O.E.A. COMMITTEES

At the first meeting of the 1945-46 Executive Committee on April 21, 1945, the following Committee Chairmen were appointed with power to select the members: Programme—Dr.

H. R. Kingston; Finance—Mr. R. F. B. Cooley; Editorial—Mr. J. B. Wallace; Membership—Mr. G. A. Shewfelt; Publicity—Mr. G. A. Klinck; Research and Curriculum—Mr. M. A. Campbell;

Day School Bible Study—Dr. N. R. D. Sinclair; Resolutions—Mr. R. J. Wright; Educational Conferences—Mr. M. H. Park; and Life Membership—Mr. A. E. Bryson.