

ASSOCIATION OF
MECHANICS' INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO.

GALT, August 1st, 1873.

MY DEAR SIR :

I beg to forward you, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, the modified scheme for awarding prizes to Mechanics' Institutes which establish Evening Classes, as decided upon by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will be glad to receive any recommendations which your Institute may desire to make in regard to the matter, so that the scheme may be submitted to the next Annual Meeting in London as perfect as possible.

Be kind enough to address your recommendations, if you desire to make any, to the Secretary-Treasurer, WILLIAM EDWARDS, Esq., TORONTO, who will have returned from England by that time.

I have the honour to be,

To the Secretary of

Your Obedient Servant,

James Young,

Mechanics' Institute.

PRESIDENT.

Association of Mechanics' Institutes of Ontario.

TORONTO, 4th July, 1873.

A meeting of the Executive Committee, called by the President, took place to-day to consider the scheme of offering prizes to Mechanics' Institutes establishing Evening Classes, and Provincial certificates or diplomas for competition among those attending them.

There were present James Young, Esq., M. P., Galt, President; Rev. W. Cochrane, Brantford, Vice-President, and David McCrae, Esq., Guelph. Mr. James P. Edwards, acted as Secretary. A letter was received from M. Sweetnam, Esq., Toronto, regretting his absence.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by the Rev. W. Cochrane, and seconded by Mr. McCrae, That it is advisable to defer for the present the institution of Provincial Diplomas for competing Candidates, but that arrangements be made to carry out the scheme of offering prizes to each Mechanics' Institute establishing Evening Classes.—Carried.

The Committee then proceeded to draw up the following rules and regulations for awarding the prizes :—

Rules and Regulations for Awarding Prizes to Evening Classes.

1. The Association of Mechanics' Institutes will award three prizes of the value of \$10, \$6 and \$4 respectively, to any Mechanics' Institute establishing an Evening Class or Classes with an average attendance of not less than 12 members and of not less than 25 instruction meetings on separate evenings. The prizes to be awarded as 1st, 2nd and 3rd for general proficiency in at least two of the five classes of subjects named in the programme of studies.

2. These prizes are open to all members of affiliated Institutes who are not students of any College, Graduates or Under-graduates of any University, certified School Teachers, or who are not following any of the learned professions.

3. The subjects for study and examination are as follow :—

- I. English Grammar and Composition.
- II. Arithmetic, Geometry and Mensuration.
- III. Principles of and Practical Mechanics.
- IV. Chemistry.
- V. Geometrical and Decorative Drawing.

LOCAL COMMITTEES.

4. The directors of affiliated Institutes desirous of co-operating with the Provincial Association in promoting the education of their members by means of Evening Class instruction, are invited to form a special Committee to manage the Class or Classes and arrange for awarding the prizes. The Local Committee must consist of not less than three members, and should be composed of persons who will give their time and earnest attention to the work.

5. The examination of the Classes must be concluded by the first week in May, and the returns as required by the Certificate annexed (see Sec. 8) must be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Provincial Association not later than the 15th of the same month.

6. The treatises in general use in the Schools and Colleges of Ontario are recommended as Text books, but the Local Committee may adopt any other suitable books. In awarding the prizes, real knowledge, however or wherever acquired, should be accepted, and the exposition of a subject in the candidates' own words preferred.

7. The Local Committee may either award the prizes in money or otherwise, but they must be of the value of \$10, \$6 and \$4 respectively.

8. Before obtaining the Prize money, the President and Secretary of the Institute, or the members of the Local Committee, must make the following affirmation :—

"We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Mechanics' Institute of _____ established an Evening
"Class or Classes in the month of _____ last; that there was an average attendance of _____ scholars;
"that they met for instruction on _____ separate evenings; that the _____ (state
"subjects) _____ classes of subjects in the Programme of studies (see Sec. 3) were
"taken up; and that, after due competition, the Provincial Association's prizes were awarded as follows :—

1st Prize _____
2nd Prize _____
3rd Prize _____

Signed and Sealed in
presence of _____

President.
Secretary.

9. Upon receipt of the foregoing Affirmation, duly signed, sealed and witnessed, the Secretary-Treasurer will transmit the Prize Money, which will be payable to the President of each Institute or his order.