

Executive Committee was announced, as follows: Principal Mackay, Pictou; Miss McIntosh, Halifax; Miss Silver, Lunenburg; Inspector Morse, Annapolis; Principal Lay, Amherst; H. S. Congdon, Dartmouth; Ass.-Sec. McEachran, Antigonish.

Mr. Murray (Pictou County) criticized the course as being in his opinion defective in the provision made for some of the sciences.

Mr. Alex. Mackay defended the course as it stands, as being the most logical, and supported his views, which he had satisfied himself by experience were correct, by quoting from so great an educationalist as Dr. Bain, one of the first men on the subject in the old world.

Mr. Murray at this point said he had been misunderstood, and agreed with the others, so far as the science subjects were concerned.

Mr. Magee then moved, seconded by Mr. Murray, that book-keeping by single entry be made compulsory in the first year's work, and double entry optional in the second year. Principal Calkin suggested that it would be better to omit the clause relating to the second year's work at present and let that take the form of a motion when considering the second year's work. The mover and seconder agreed to this and the motion was put and passed.

After a short discussion the second year's course was adopted, with two slight modifications.

The third year's course was immediately proceeded with, and was discussed by Mr. Davidson, Mr. Tuttle, Mr. McEachern, Mr. Burbidge, and Professor Calkin, and was, after a short and sharp criticism, passed without amendment, Wormell's Natural Philosophy having being dropped from the course by mutual consent.

The whole course was then passed as amended.

It was moved by Principal Burbidge, seconded by Inspector Congdon, that a committee of seven be appointed to inquire into the whole subject of superannuation of teachers. Carried, and the following appointed:—Messrs. Burbidge, Lay, Calkin, McArthur, J. A. Smith, Waddell, Elliott.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Press for admirable reports, to the railway and steamboat companies, the military authorities, the Y. M. C. A., and all who had in any way shown interest in the meetings.

The second annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Provincial Normal School was held at Halifax on the 13th July. The chair was taken by W. H. Waddell, Esq., Professor of English in the Halifax High School. He then read a paper on "Teaching as a Profession," in which he showed that it could be made a profession in this province only by the elevation of the educational standing demanded of the teacher. He advocated the compulsory attendance of teachers at the Normal School, the elevation of the standard of admission into that school, and the devotion of a greater part of the time to professional as distinguished from non-professional subjects.

Rev. R. Murray read a short paper on the establishment of a professorship of education in connection with one of our Universities. He showed that the necessity for such a chair existed from the fact that there are 1,900 teachers alone in Nova Scotia, while there are in the Dominion 15,000 for whom it would be especially adapted, saying nothing of those in the other professions for whom it would be equally advantageous. Already there are 11 such chairs in Germany, and all Scotch professors and teachers were in favor of the movement.

A discussion on this and the previous paper was participated in by Prof. Forrest, Prof. MacGregor, Dr. Allison, N. King, and Prof. Eaton.

Mr. J. T. Bulmer then read a paper on the importance of establishing a national bureau of education. He gave a short account of the origin of this department in connection with the Government at Washington, and pointed out the enormous strides made in educational progress in the United States through this agency alone; its usefulness in disseminating information in regard to the methods in use in imparting primary and collegiate instruction.

In endorsement of this, the Superintendent read extracts from the publications of the department, translated from a work used in Switzerland, which he considered one of the best publications on the subject he had ever seen.

Steps were immediately taken by the Alumni to present their views on the importance of the subject to the Government, and also to secure, if possible, from the United States Government a number of their publications, until a similar department is established in Canada.

Principal Calkin, A. H. Mackay, and H. S. Congdon were appointed a committee to carry out the views of the meeting.

They then appointed the officers and executive for the ensuing year:—President, Principal Calkin; Vice-President, A. H. Mackay; Secretary, H. S. Congdon; Executive, Messrs. Alex. Mackay, J. Parsons, H. Waddell, Miss Sarah Findlay, Miss Mackintosh, Miss Mary Hamilton.

The committee decided to have a supper at the next annual meeting, which will be held in Truro.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A very pleasing occurrence took place at the Education Office, Fredericton, Nov. 17, at 11 o'clock, when a committee from the teachers of the province waited on Dr. Rand and presented him with a testimonial of their regard and esteem for him before his departure to his new field of labor. Among those present were His Hon. Gov. Wilnot, Dr. Jack, Hon. Surveyor-General (the only member of the Executive there that day), Hon. A. F. Randolph, Auditor-General, Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Steadman and others. Inspector Mullin, chairman of the committee, read the following

ADDRESS.

To Theodore H. Rand, D.C.L.:—

DEAR SIR,—On the eve of your departure from New Brunswick, after twelve years' service as Chief Superintendent of Education, we, on behalf of the teachers of the province, take great pleasure in expressing to you our deep sense of the eminent services which you have rendered to the cause of education.

We desire to assure you how fully we have appreciated the hearty sympathy and co-operation which you have always been ready to give to the teachers of the province in their efforts after professional excellence.

We wish to express to you our admiration of the ability, energy and devotion which you have always brought to bear upon the work of organizing our Free School system.

We beg that you will accept this epergne as a very small token of the warm and kindly feelings entertained towards you personally by the teachers of the province, and in saying farewell to you we would express our earnest hope that both yourself and Mrs. Rand will enjoy every happiness and blessing in the new sphere of life to which you have been called.

(Signed)

ELDON MULLIN,
JEREMIAH MEAGHER,
H. V. B. BRIDGES,
G. R. PARKIN,
WM. CROCKETT.

Accompanying the address was an elegant piece of plate in the shape of an epergne, ornamented with chased, frosted, and gilt finish and handsome cut glass, selected especially by Mr. S. F. Shute, to order, from the Fairpoint Manufacturing Co., of Bedford, Mass., and bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to Theodore H. Rand, D.C.L.,
Chief Supt. of Education, 1871-1883,
On his resignation of office,
By the teachers of New Brunswick.

Dr. Rand very feelingly replied in the following words:—

DR. RAND'S REPLY.

It affords me much satisfaction, gentlemen, to receive from the teachers of the province, and at the hands of so representative and influential a committee of their number, these expressions of your professional regard and personal esteem.

You have been pleased to characterize my services to the cause of education as eminent, and have referred appreciatively to my sympathy with all efforts among teachers for professional excellence, and expressed your admiration of my labors in organizing our free school system. While it is true that I have withheld from the school service nothing that I possessed, I could have accomplished little apart from the co-operation of others, especially the teachers. The real efficiency of our school system must rest in the last analysis upon the directive energy and intelligence of those who preside in the school-rooms of the province, and if my labors have been of service in securing improvement in the qualifications of our teachers, as well as increasing the facilities for the wise and economic exercise of these qualifications, it is a source of gratification to me. I indulge the hope that in the new sphere to which I have been called I may be able to promote the professional interests of teachers, especially of those entrusted with the secondary education, in a more important measure than has hitherto been possible to me.

Most gratefully do I accept this beautiful epergne from the teachers of New Brunswick, as a token of their personal esteem.

I shall never look upon it without thinking of the men and women (all of whose names are in my possession, though their faces may not be familiar) who wrought with me for the intellectual and moral development and training of the youth of New Brunswick, and invoking upon their labors the richest of heaven's blessings in the years that are before them.

Mrs. Rand unites with me in an expression of hearty thanks for your kind wishes for our future happiness.

THEODORE H. RAND.

To Eldon Mullin, G. R. Parkin, A.M., J. Meagher, W. Crockett, A.M., H. V. Bridges, A.M.