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WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 9, 1891.

Convention of Teachers.

The Provincial Educational Association held its annual session in the main hall of the county academy, Halifax, on December 29th, 30th and 31st, 1890. The superintendent of education presided and Supervisor McKay acted as secretary. After the transaction of the usual routine business the secretary read a paper on "The Necessity for a Provincial Manual Training School," by Prof. F. H. Eaton, late of the Normal School, Truro. The paper set forth the object of such a school to be: To give an intelligent, creative and artistic skill of a general character, without bias towards any specific occupation; to lay a broad and substantial foundation for that special education which must afterwards be sought in a technical college, or else through practical experience in the workshop, the factory or the field. The immediate establishment of such a school was advocated. Dr. Allison delivered an address on "The School System and Schools of England." He had spent some time last summer visiting the schools of that old country and studying the system in operation there. He spoke of many good features of the schools, but of the elementary schools he left the impression that there was much room still for improvement before they will compare favorably with similar schools in newer countries. He referred to the system of grants paid according to the advancement made, or training colleges, of certifying teachers and of the management of schools. He emphasized the fact that the school system of England had grown up and had all through been subjected to criticisms and influences sometimes adverse, sometimes favorable, by the various religious denominations and secular parties. No school system can be transplanted. Surrounding influences must develop the school system of any country.

SECOND SESSION.

Prof. Andrews, of Mount Allison College, read a paper on "The Teaching of Method or Mental Gymnastics." He stated that physical habits are nearly all formed before twenty-one years of age, and intellectual and professional habits before thirty years of age. These are the periods of the development of activity in the human mind. Education is a question of method. Habit grows out of method. When we ask, What are the best methods? we must enquire in what methods will there be most economy of mental energy. How can we perform the maximum of work in a minimum of effort? The first and greatest gain in economy is found in the formation of proper habits. We thereby make the following economical gains:—

1. We gain organs specially fitted by the activities to which they have grown to effect semi-spontaneously the purpose for which they have been trained.
2. We make possible a frictionless and generally joyful action of the faculties.
3. Only those parts and organs necessary for the performance of the task are called into action.
4. By teaching our faculties to run themselves we liberate a large amount of potential energy of attention for higher and more complicated forms of mental action.
5. We determine lines of nutrition in the brain. This implies the persistence of habit and the formation of character.
6. We provide a reserve power which will not fail us in emergencies. Public oratory is the blossom born in the stalk of private conversation, which is nine-tenths of expressive life.

"The Educational Ideal," was the subject of a paper by Prof. Seth, of Dalhousie College. The audience was reminded that the fundamental process of education is natural rather than artificial, the child mind growing like an organism, not by accretion from without but by development from within. Teachers were recommended to study psychology or the science of the natural basis of education. Prof. Seth considered the educational ideal under three aspects—the intellectual, the aesthetic and the moral. He emphasized the importance of training the pupil to think for himself on all subjects, and recommended the "Jenetic method" of developing a subject by cross-examination. The value of the study of literature was pointed out in connection with aesthetic education.

Mr. Patterson, head master of the Royal Arthur school, Montreal, and convenor of the Quebec provincial committee of Canadian history, announced the object of his visit to be an endeavor to secure the co-operation of the Nova Scotia Provincial Association in the preparation of a Dominion text

book on Canadian history, which would give each Province such a recognition as would unite the interests of all Canadians irrespective of creed or nationality, and conduce towards the creation of a oneness of patriotic sentiment.

At the conclusion of Mr. Patterson's address, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—Resolved that the Provincial Educational Association of Nova Scotia has heard Mr. Patterson with much pleasure, and approves in general terms of his proposition regarding a Dominion text on Canadian history, and hereby recommends the appointment of a representative of this Province by the Council of Public Instruction on the Dominion committee on Canadian history.

THIRD SESSION.

Dr. Hall, who had recently returned from Germany, read a paper on "Pedagogics of Herbart." He outlined the methods laid down by this eminent philosopher whose work he was discussing and gave a large amount of information to teachers as to the way they can produce the best results in the pupils, whom they are called upon to prepare for the duties of life. He was greatly enraptured with the beauties of the German methods and the great results they were achieving. He felt we would be benefited by adopting much of their system in this Province.

PUBLIC MEETING.

This meeting was held in Orpheus Hall and presided over by Lieut. Gov. Daley. The speakers were: Dr. Saunders, Ald. Lyons, Rev. D. M. Gordon, Attorney-General Longley, Archbishop O'Brien, Rev. J. A. Rogers, and Provincial Secretary Fielding.

SUPPER AT THE QUEEN.

After the public meeting, the Lieutenant Governor, speakers of the evening, school inspectors, principals of High Schools, and other guests—about thirty in all—sat down to supper at the Queen Hotel, given by Dr. Allison. A number of toasts were duly honored and some excellent speeches made. The affair passed off most successfully.

FOURTH SESSION.

The committee on revision of course of study reported that they had not completed their work, but submitted what had been done, with certain preliminary recommendations, which received the unanimous endorsement of the Association. (1) That provision be made in our educational system for the distinctive professional training of all the teachers of public schools. (2) That the syllabus of examination for teachers' license be assimilated with the course of study for high schools as revised, and it is suggested that third class or Grade D certificates be based on the subjects of first year, second class, Grade C, on second year, and first class or Grade B on those of the third year. (3) That in connection with the examination for teachers' non-professional certificates the Department of Education be requested to provide for the issue of diplomas to graduates of county academies and high schools. (4) That as soon and as far as circumstances will permit the various non-professional certificates should be taken in serial form. (5) That the professional training of teachers should be held to include fuller instruction in music, drawing, natural sciences, elementary logic and manual training than contemplated by the ordinary high school course.

The fuller consideration of the course of study for common schools was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. McNeil, Supervisor McKay, Principals Cakes, Mackay and Calkin.

An outline of this course is to be sent to the teachers throughout the Province, who are invited to send any suggestions or criticisms they desire to make to Dr. Allison, chairman of this committee.

On motion it was resolved to ask the Council of Public Instruction to make such arrangements respecting next summer's holidays as will enable educationists to attend the approaching meeting of the United States National Educational Association, which meets in Toronto next July. The President suggested a method by which he thought remarkably low fares can be obtained.

Principals Cakes, Campbell and Mackay were appointed a committee to assist other provincial committees in the matter of a Dominion history.

The officers of the Association are as follows: Superintendent Allison—President. Supervisor Mackay—Secretary. Miss Burgoyne, Inspectors McDonald, Lay, Congdon and McNeill and Principals Mackay and Freeman—Executive Committee.

INSPECTORS' MEETINGS.

The Inspectors of Schools held two meetings at intervals between the regular meetings of the Association, at which they discussed several matters relating to the better carrying out of the school system and agreed upon some desirable changes which were brought to the notice of the Council through the Superintendent of Education.

The meetings of the Association represented all grades of educationists from the college professor to the lowest grade of the common school teacher. The discussion of the live educational topics of the day by persons with such earnestness as characterized all the deliberations must be productive of beneficial results.

The Baptists of Sackville under the efficient leadership of Rev. W. E. Hall, have been successful in the erection and finishing of a very commodious church edifice, and on Sunday the building was dedicated with appropriate services. A large number were present and were addressed by Dr. Hopper, Prof. Kierstead and Rev. D. A. Steele.

Berwick.

Rev. D. W. Candall has been spending the holidays with his family at the "Central," and kindly consented to preach for Mr. Daley, not only on Sundays but assisted in conducting social services during the week evenings. His labors were highly appreciated, and acknowledged in a tangible form.

It is expected that Dr. Saunders will supply the Baptist pulpit here during the months of February and March.

Rev. M. B. Shaw and family arrived safely at Vizianagram, India, his field of labor, on November 29th.

Mr. Carl Shaw has returned to Acadia to join his class from which he dropped out last spring.

A number of interesting weddings have taken place here, with more to follow.

Our schools opened on Monday with a full attendance and increased enthusiasm. The would-be rumormonger has been joking the constable to create the possibility of his transgression; verily the way of the transgressor is hard.

Mr. D. L. Parker, of Acadia, preached in Somerset last Sunday afternoon to a large and appreciative audience.

It is reported that a route is being prospected to connect the N. S. C. with the C. V. R. It is believed that these two railways will be connected at no very distant date. Coal comes here via the C. V. R. \$1.50 per ton cheaper than via the I. C. R.

God save the Queen.

"A FREE TRIP AROUND THE WORLD."

The absorbing topic of the day is a Free Trip Around the World, offered by "The Home Fascinator," Pub. Co., to the person sending the largest number of words constructed from letters contained in the sentence "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN," and found in either Webster's or Worcester's Dictionary. The publishers have arranged with the C. P. R. General Pass Agent, Mr. D. McNeill, for the trip by their new palatial steamer, leaving on its famous globe-circling excursion about March 15th next. Also in order of merit additional prizes of:—A free trip to Florida; Silver Tea Set, Sewing Machine, Lady's or Gent's 14k Gold watch, etc. Every one whose list contains not less than twenty-five words will receive a prize. Enclose them \$1.00 to pay for a grand Premium Catalogue, Complete Rules, and a year subscription to their beautifully illustrated family story paper. As the successful competitor may not care to make the extensive trip offered, the publishers offer the option of \$1,000 in cash. Contest is open to any person in Canada or the United States. Lists received not later than February 10th. Address "The Home Fascinator," Montreal, Quebec.

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east and west to the Atlantic and to the Pacific Ocean, including Newfoundland, the key island of the Gulf, have come stories, some of which have been written in a literary style befitting professional writers, and many of which contain new and valuable facts in Canadian history. Amongst the many authorities who

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to the excellence of these stories are the judges in each province who award the prizes, and the inspectors and teachers of schools in every portion of the Dominion and Newfoundland, as well as the newspapers, who speak kindly of them and republish some of them. In addition to the Household and Question and Answer departments, the Market Reports, the lively and sterling Editorials, Articles, the Serial Stories, and, in fact, the whole body of the paper, make it a welcome member of the family in every household where it is taken. In November the WEEKLY WITNESS was enlarged by more than a page, thus making an enlargement equal to two pages a week within two years, adding greatly to its value and interest. The WEEKLY WITNESS is mailed free to subscribers in Canada, Great Britain and the United States for \$1.00 a year; the DAILY WITNESS for \$3.00 a year; and the NORTHERN MESSENGER for 30 cents a year. The Publishers are Messrs JONES DODGILL & SON, to whom you may mail your subscription, or who will send you a sample copy or answer any

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TENDERS.

For construction of a building for Fire Department of the Town of Wolfville, will be received at the office of the secretary of Commissioners of Water Supply, until noon on Thursday, the 15th inst., where plans and specifications may be seen.

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All accounts against this Municipality must be filed in this office not later than 31st December, 1890, otherwise they cannot be considered next year.

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L. DUV. CHIPMAN,
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Kentville, Dec. 10th, 1890.

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