

First Child:

This is my Christmas dolly;
 Her name is French,—Celeste;
 And of my many children,
 She is the very best.
 This dress, you see, is finest silk,
 Her shoes are dainty kid,
 And underneath this pretty hat
 Her golden curls are hid.

Second Child:

My dolly is an Eskimo,
 From near the Arctic Sea;
 Kris Kringle brought her in his sleigh,
 On Christmas Eve, for me.
 She always wears this dress of fur,
 Because, where she was born
 It is so very very cold
 Thin clothes won't keep you warm.

Third Child:

This is Miss Lucindy Ann —
 And though she's black as jet,
 She's just as good as any doll
 To love and hug, and pet. (*Hugs and pets doll.*)
 I found her in my stocking, dressed
 In this gay calico,
 With bright bandanna on her head,
 And orange ribbon bow.

Fourth Child: (Holding up rag doll, or any kind of Canadian made doll).

My dolly did not come from France,
 Nor far away Japan;
 She's neither Spanish, Dutch, nor Swiss,
 But just Ca-na-di-an.
 I know she is not beautiful,
 Nor very finely dressed,
 But I don't care for that — I think
 Canadian dolls are best.

Fifth Child: (Holding Teddy Bear behind her.)

Oh, you all think your dolls are fine,
 Of that I'm well aware,
 But I have one to beat them all,
 For mine's a Teddy Bear. (*Holds it up.*)
 He doesn't wear a fancy dress,
 He likes his coat of brown
 And he is just as handsome
 As any doll in town.

(*All children hold dolls in sleeping position and sing softly, swaying arms back and forth, to the tune of Hush-a-by-Baby.*)

Hush-a-by dolly, asleep on my arm,
 I'll watch you so closely and keep you from harm.
 Now you are sleepy, to bed you must go,
 Hush-a-by dolly, hush-a-by low.

(*They tip-toe off the stage, humming the air.*)

Abridged and adapted from Elizabeth J. Rook.

KENT COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A very interesting and instructive meeting of the teachers of Kent county, N. B., took place in Rexton, on October 28 and 29. At the first session, an address was given by Dr. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education, and a paper was read by Mr. Thomas Bowser of the Rexton Board of Trustees, on "Some Rural School Problems," which was enjoyed by the rural school teachers. A very well attended evening meeting was addressed by the local clergy, by Director Steeves, Director Peacock, and the Chief Superintendent.

Among the papers and lessons given, two deserve special mention; the lesson on Analysis in Grade VII, given by Miss Louise Crocker, and the paper on School Gardens read by Miss Georgie Marr. On Thursday morning the institute divided into French and English sections. In the afternoon, Director Peacock gave an interesting address, and Miss Eleanor Robinson of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW offered a few suggestions on teaching English composition. A noticeable feature of this institute was the freedom and fulness of some of the discussions. Especially after Miss Crocker's lesson, many pertinent questions were asked, drawing out useful information and advice. Fifty-four teachers were in attendance.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Two Swedish army officers have proved that wireless telephone messages can be despatched from railway trains or automobiles moving at the highest speed. The invention may revolutionize the present signaling system.

The narrow straight lines which astronomers have seen in their observations of the planet Mars, and which are known as the canals of Mars, have proved to be mere optical illusions. The great telescope at Meudon, near Paris, shows no trace of them.

During the twenty-five years ending with 1911, more than half a million human beings were killed by snakes in India. It is now announced that antidotes have been prepared against the bites of two of the most dangerous species, the cobra and one of the vipers.

The dignified and solemn ceremonies attending the coronation, or rather the enthronement, of the Emperor of Japan, and the subsequent celebrations throughout the country, took place last month, although his reign actually began three years ago. There was some ritual reason for the delay, connected with the growing of the rice which was to be used in the ceremonies. Emperor Yoshihito is the one-hundred-and-twenty-second sovereign in an unbroken line extending over two thousand five hundred years; and the