

in the County, Mr. B. R. Armstrong advocated the pension scheme, and Miss Eddy illustrated her method of teaching French to English-speaking pupils. Discussions followed these addresses, and a resolution was passed urging the government to establish a pension system on an equitable basis. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. Robichaud, president; Miss Agnes Nicol, vice-president; J. E. DeGrace, secretary.

NORMAL INSTITUTE AT ANTIGONISH, N. S.

A teachers' normal institute for the four counties of Cape Breton and the Counties of Antigonish, N. S., was held at Antigonish from Monday, October 21st, to Friday, October 25th. Over two hundred teachers were present, the largest representation being from the two last named counties. The actual teaching of classes of grades one to nine, drawn from the public schools of Antigonish, occupied the attention of the Institute during the forenoons, while the afternoons were spent in discussing the methods of teaching. Classes in physics, chemistry, botany and algebra of grade nine were conducted in the laboratory of St. Francis Xavier College, and classes of the first eight grades in Celtic hall and the hall of the convent. The latter was beautifully decorated, and its excellent acoustic properties were more conducive to effective teaching than the public hall afforded.

The teachers of classes were drafted chiefly from the schools of the six counties before named, but the subjects of grade nine were taught by Professors Benoit and Connolly, of the normal school, and by Principal Robinson, of the Dartmouth public schools. A lively interest was taken in the Institute by the people of Antigonish and the neighboring towns, and there were prominent representative people from other parts of the province, including Dr. MacKay, Superintendent of Education; Dr. McGill, of Pine Hill College; Dr. Soloan, of the Provincial Normal School; Inspector MacIntosh, of Lunenburg, and others. Among the visitors was Mr. Vincent P. Burke, Superintendent of Schools of St. John's, Nfld., who devoted himself zealously to gathering up the best results of such a practical educational gathering.

The chairman of the committee on arrangements was Inspector A. G. Macdonald, the mayor of Antigonish, to whose tact, resources and excellent business management of the success of the Institute is largely due. He was greatly aided by Inspectors Phalen and Macneil, of Cape Breton, although the latter was able to be present only at a part of the meeting.

A large and enthusiastic public meeting was held in Celtic hall on Wednesday evening, October 23rd. Addresses were given by Supt. MacKay, Principal Soloan, Dr. McGill, and others.

The features of some of the excellent lessons given at the Institute will appear in future numbers of the REVIEW.

NORTHUMBERLAND INSTITUTE.

The Northumberland County Teachers' Institute met at Newcastle on Thursday and Friday, October 24th and 25th. About seventy teachers were present. Mr. H. H. Stuart, editor of the *Advocate*, read a paper on pensions, the cost of which, he thought, should be sustained by government. A paper was read on the Study of History by Mr. John Keough, which called for a spirited discussion, Principal R. D. Hanson urging that teachers should know more history than was contained in the textbook. Mr. T. B. Kidner gave an excellent practical address on Educational Handwork in Schools. Dr. Inch and Inspector Mersereau were present during the first day, and joined in the discussions. In the evening a public meeting was held, at which the president, Mr. Jas. McIntosh, presided. Dr. Inch and Mr. Kidner were the principal speakers. Dr. Inch said that 2,000 pupils took the high school course in New Brunswick last year, against 504 in 1891. Mr. Kidner urged Newcastle and Chatham to unite in the introduction of manual training and jointly employ an expert teacher.

On the second day President McIntosh gave a talk on Birds, and, by means of a manual and his fine private collection, showed how they might be identified; Miss V. C. Wright read a paper filled with excellent suggestions on the reading of Longfellow's "Children's Hour." This will be published in a future number of the REVIEW; a paper written by Sister O'Keefe was read on the Palmer System of Writing, illustrated by examples from convent pupils who had practised it for three years. The neat, flowing style called forth much favorable comment. Principal Hanson and others said they were practising the system in the Chatham schools with good results. A paper on Medical Inspection by Dr. Baxter, of Chatham, gave many excellent hints on preserving the health and eyesight of pupils. Mr. B. R. Armstrong explained the pension scheme, the principle of which was endorsed in a resolution of the Institute.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Jas. McIntosh; vice-president, Miss Helen McLeod; secretary, R. D. Hanson; additional members of executive, Misses V. C. Wright and A. G. Russell.

A teacher in remitting for the REVIEW, says: I am not teaching, but I enjoy the REVIEW so much, I did not wish to discontinue it. Every page contains something useful and interesting. I enjoy your "Visit to English Schools," very much. I had such a pleasant trip to parts of England, Ireland and Scotland this summer. I enjoyed it all, especially Liverpool, Chester, London, Edinburgh, and the Lake Districts. With best wishes for a successful year,

E. R. B.