

promising of cross roads schools. Mr. J. W. Smith said the time in domestic science schools should not be wasted in teaching girls to make "fancy dishes," but they should learn how to cook the food that enters into daily use in households, and to practise the arts of sanitary housekeeping.

Other papers read were: Mechanical Drawing, by Miss Jennie Alward; Development of Ideas in Geometry, by Miss Stella Alward. Mr. Kidner gave a very practical talk on the subject of music in schools, and Mr. B. R. Armstrong explained the pension scheme proposed by the Annuity Company of Canada, which was referred to the executive.

Some excellent specimens of manual work had been sent in from a few schools. The following officers were elected: President, Horace G. Perry; vice-president, Miss Margaret A. Stewart; secretary-treasurer, Wm. N. Biggar; additional members of the executive: Joseph E. Howe and Miss Eloise Steeves.

SOUTH COLCHESTER INSTITUTE.

A Teachers' Institute for South Colchester, held on the 14th and 15th November at the newly incorporated town of Stewiacke, proved of more than usual interest and profit to the teachers of that district. Inspector Campbell followed the plan which he had outlined for his inspectorate early in the year, namely, a series of small institutes with the time devoted entirely to practical teaching and discussions on the best methods of work.

Lessons were conducted in drawing by Miss Ethel Dickson, of Truro, and in music by Miss Linton, of Truro. In both these subjects the teachers were put at practical work, and in the series of lessons which were developed with them, much excellent work was done. Lessons were conducted in nature study by Miss McCurdy, Old Barns, and Miss Dickson, Central Onslow; in reading by Miss Hutchinson, Newton Mills, and in commercial geography by Principal Tibert, Londonderry. For these model lessons pupils were drawn from the Stewiacke schools. Inspector Campbell conducted a series of nature lessons in outline, and led the round table talks and discussions on methods of work. By means of these substitutes a brief normal course was provided for each untrained teacher in the district, while all, trained and untrained alike, received much valuable help and encouragement in their work.

It is not the first office of a university to teach men how to earn a living. That is the business of the special and technical schools. The primary function of the university is to turn out men of culture. After they are through with the purely educational course they may go to the law school, the medical college, or the divinity school and prepare themselves for specialties.—*N. Y. Sun*.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Inspector L. S. Morse, of Digby, has returned from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, with the gratifying assurance of his physicians, that with proper care and rest for the next few months, he may be able to resume his accustomed duties.

The St. John Board of School Trustees at a recent meeting, placed on record a grateful recognition of the services of the late Miss Helen Adam, whose sudden death in October last, after years of faithful service, removed one of the city's best known teachers.

The formal opening of the Hampton, N. B., Consolidated School took place on the 7th of November, although regular school work has been carried on in the building since the recent summer vacation. Situated nearly midway between the two pretty villages of Hampton, the new building is admirably adapted to meet for many years to come the educational needs of the two communities, whose liberality and public spirit have so wisely provided for the children. Its pleasant and healthful surroundings, commodious hall, well furnished class rooms, excellent sanitary and heating arrangements, with five acres of land for play grounds, school gardens and an arboretum, are model conditions. Such facilities for education form an investment that any community may be proud of. Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie who formally opened the school, said that it was a monument to the intelligence and public spirit of the people of Hampton; and Premier Robinson, Chief Superintendent Dr. Inch and others who followed were equally warm in their expressions of approval of the action of the trustees and ratepayers, and sanguine in their anticipations of the success that will attend the work of the school under Principal H. G. Perry and his efficient staff of teachers.

The Governors of McGill University searched all over Canada to get a Professor of Education, to fill the new chair endowed by Sir William MacDonald and failed. They at last appointed Professor J. A. Dole, of Oxford University, England. This new Faculty has been established none too soon, if the McGill authorities had such a search to find a competent man.—*Truro News*.

Frank P. Day, Mt. Allison Rhodes scholar for 1905, having obtained permission from the Rhodes trustees, will not complete his tenure of the scholarship next year, but in 1909. This year he has been allowed to spend in Berlin, Germany, where he pays his way by tutoring in English for part of the day, devoting the rest of his time to researches needed for the completion of his honor course in English literature.—*Sackville Tribune*.

Mr. Chester B. Martin, of St. John, the U. N. B. Rhodes Scholar, has won the Brassey Studentship at Oxford from a large number of competitors, the prize being open to all qualified for the B. A. degree in that University. The studentship carries a money value, may be held for one or more years, and is given for research in some subject connected with Great Britain and the colonies.

Mr. C. B. Robinson, of Pictou, who, for several years past has been on the staff of the Bronx Park Botanical gardens, New York, has been chosen by the United States government as one of its experts on the study of plants in the Philippine Islands. Mr. Robinson's home is in Pictou, where he was formerly teacher of science in the Academy.