

Is there any study more worthy of and tends more to make a cultured man than that of the causes and mainsprings of past occurrences and cast a light on the future and enables one to foresee the course of human events? Is there any study that tends more to develop a national spirit than a knowledge of a common history,

common traditions, and the lives of those heroes whose achievements are the common property of the whole people? Is there any other study that will tend more to awaken in the youthful mind high ideals of right and duty, and a fine spirit of emulation, to do and to dare and that will leave a worthy name in the annals of our country?

SUMMER SCHOOLS

THE RURAL SCIENCE TRAINING SCHOOL AT TRURO.

One of the most pleasant days which the Editor of the Review has enjoyed this summer was spent with the faculty and students of the interesting Summer School in Truro. The students were busy with courses in biology, botany, entomology, birds, home economics, and the various other courses demanded in the inclusive requirements of the Rural School Science Diploma. This diploma is granted after three term's work in a variety of allied scientific subjects. One interesting and characteristic comment regarding this appears in the announcements of the School—

"No Rural Science Diploma will be granted simply on knowledge of subjects as shown at any examination. Personality, leadership and good judgment, which are so necessary to the rural teacher, will count more than the written examination."

In order that these desired qualities might become prominent, much attention was given to the development of school spirit and opportunity was provided for a happy, social life among the students. One important factor in this effort was the Rest Room. A large class room had been cleared of desks and other school furniture. A number of small tables and comfortable chairs had been substituted, a piano, victrola, and the case containing the reserved books completed the furnishing of the room. Here the students were encouraged to come for study between classes, for letter writing and conversation after school hours and on Sundays.

A number of social evenings were arranged by student committees, under the supervision of Mrs. H. B. Vickery. Some form of recreation or instructive diversion was provided for other evenings; these included informal gatherings of the school, games, sings, lectures and moving pictures of a distinctly educative sort.

The enthusiasm with which the school song and the yell were given proved that the students were getting more than a knowledge of Rural Science. With a refreshing ability to combine work with play the students and faculty made a picnic out of an excursion to Folleigh Lake, from which they returned laden with specimens and butterfly nets. The delightful relation existing between faculty and students proved that this attempt

to develop a pleasant social life had been more than realized.

An important feature in the life of the school this year was the lecture course which all students taking diplomas were expected to attend. These lectures were given by members of several professions and industries representing a wide variety of interests. The theme running through all was educational improvement and the welfare of society.

Among the courses added to the curriculum this year was a "Play and Games group. This included a playground course by Miss Baker and a Folk Dancing and Story Telling course by Mrs. H. L. McDonald. These courses were intended to fit the teacher for a place in the social life of the community. The garden back of the Science building was a delightful sight. This garden is planted by the Normal students of the year and is cultivated by the students of the Summer School, each student choosing his own plot and being responsible for it.

Home economic courses were given by Miss Helen McDougall. The students went in groups of eight to the laboratory of the Agricultural College for this instruction.

There were one hundred and ten students enrolled. Director DeWolfe and the faculty of the Summer School deserve much commendation for the excellent work done and the wonderful inspiration which the students must carry with them to their work in the schools of the Province.

RURAL SCIENCE SCHOOL AND CAMP HELD AT SUSSEX.

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The Rural Science School was held this year at Sussex, July 14th to August 11th. For the first time in the history of the school the students had an opportunity of living under canvas. Permission was granted by the military authorities to use the camp grounds, one of the bungalows and twenty bell tents. With this and the other equipment on the camp grounds conditions were ideal for camping. While camping was made optional all but four of the whole student body took advantage of the out-door life. At this writing we are little more than half way through the course, but every member of