

### N. B. Teachers' Institutes.

The Westmorland County teachers at their meeting at Riverside elected the following officers: President, A. D. Jonah; vice-president, Mrs. Lawson; secretary-treasurer, Mr. S. W. Irons; additional members of executive committee, Mr. F. Peacock, Miss McEachern, Mr. H. B. Steeves. The next Institute will be held at Port Elgin.

The Restigouche County Teachers' Institute met in the grammar school, Campbellton, on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, the president, L. D. Jones, of Dalhousie, in the chair. Although the attendance did not exceed thirty the interest throughout did not waver. It was an excellent example how a small institute may be conducted to secure the utmost benefit for its teachers. Addresses were given by G. U. Hay on Nature Study and Rural Schools, and by H. H. Hagerman on Drawing; papers by L. D. Jones on the Teachings of the Great Master, and a Study of English Grammar, by Miss McAffrey. Lessons to classes of children were given by Professor Singleton on Music, by Miss Sarah Duffy on Number in the early grades, and by Miss Alward on Manual Training. A resolution of condolence to the widow of the late E. W. Lewis, for many years principal of the grammar school, was adopted by a standing vote of the institute. The following officers were elected: President, Miss M. E. McNair; vice-president, Miss Sarah Duffy; secretary, Miss Georgina G. L. Dickson; additional members of executive, Miss Elizabeth Cook, Mr. L. D. Jones.

The institute convened at Chatham, October 14th and 15th, under the presidency of Principal Jas. McIntosh was one of the best held in Northumberland County in many years. The order was excellent and the discussions helpful and spirited. Noteworthy papers were read, some of which the REVIEW hopes to publish in future issues. Inspector Mersereau's presence and his occasional reminders of what he expected from his teachers put them on their mettle. Addresses on topics before the institute were made by Mr. J. L. Stewart, Dr. G. U. Hay and by Dr. H. S. Bridges, whose paper on School Government touched on almost every point that leads to successful work in the classroom. Papers were read by Miss N. Keating on Fractions, by Principal C. J. Mersereau on Training the Memory, by Miss Agnes Wilson, B. A., on Some Impressions of the West (a paper jointly prepared by herself, Misses Estella Carruthers and Constance Anderson), by Miss Laula S. Smith on Nature Study, by Miss Sarah B. Hogan on Physical Culture, illustrated by means of a class of little girls from the Convent School, and a paper on the Training of the Future Citizen by Mr. H. H. Stuart, to which further allusions will be made in these pages. The officers elected were: President,

B. P. Steeves, B. A.; vice-president, Miss Jennie Crammond; secretary, Mr. J. D. Kean; additional members of executive, Misses Kelly and Galloway.

The Kent County Institute which met at Rexton on the same date as the Northumberland Institute, was very successfully conducted under the presidency of Miss M. Caulie McInerney. Chief Supt. Carter was present and the active part which he took in the proceedings contributed greatly to its success. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Arthur H. G. Mitchell; vice-president, Miss Ettawanda Palmer; secretary, C. M. McCann; executive committee, Miss M. A. Buckley, Miss Onora Breau. Harcourt was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The St. John County Institute was held at the High School, St. John, October 21 and 22. Mr. W. L. McDiarmid presided, welcoming the teachers and outlining the work. About two hundred teachers were present and the proceedings were harmonious throughout. Some excellent papers were read and ample opportunity was given to discuss them. These discussions, in which many ladies took part, were very effective, the delivery of the speakers good, and marked by a desire to keep well to the points under discussion. An address was given by Inspector McLean, who dealt chiefly with rural schools and the difficulties of teachers in them; Principal Henry Town read a paper on the Dull Boy, who, he said, is not always a failure in life; Miss Catherine M. Robinson, teacher of music in the Dufferin School, exemplified her method by instructing a class of twenty pupils from grades two and three; Dr. J. P. McInerney, M. P. P., read a paper on the need of Medical Inspection of Schools; Miss Ethel G. Hanna on the Best Books for Children (to be published in the REVIEW); Dr. H. S. Bridges, City Supt. of schools, a paper on Child Nature; and an illustrative address on raffia work and its possibilities by T. B. Kidner, director of manual training. Officers appointed: President, W. J. S. Myles, A. M.; vice-president, Henry Town; secretary, Miss Ida A. Keagin; additional members of executive, Mr. W. A. Nelson, Miss Isabella J. Caie.

I divided my school into two sections, each of which elected a captain, who held his office for a period of two weeks. His duty was to make a list of the names of the pupils in his division and note absence and tardiness. An absence or tardiness was considered a break. The division having no more than three breaks during the two weeks would be entitled to a quarter-holiday. Thus absence and tardiness were greatly diminished and became very unpopular in the school.—*Arkansas School Journal*.