

4. The Institute annually elects a Secretary and an Assistant-Secretary, who are to keep a record of the proceedings, and to furnish a suitable report of the same for publication in the *EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL*.

5. The Normal School building and its appliances are placed at the disposal of the Chief Superintendent for the purposes of the Institute,—and it is made the duty of the Instructors to render him all required assistance in connection with the exercises. The student-teachers are required to attend the sessions of the Institute, but cannot become members unless qualified as above.

The Educational Institute was first organized in the summer of 1877, at the close of a Provincial Teachers' Institute held at Fredericton. Its first annual meeting took place on the 13th, 14th and 15th of August last, in the Hall of the Normal School. There were present, first and last, about one hundred enrolled members, besides a considerable number of teachers and others not qualified for membership, and student-teachers to the number of a hundred and twenty. The first session, on the afternoon of the 13th, was opened with devotional exercises, in which the Chaplain of the House of Assembly assisted, and the student-teachers sang their usual opening hymn, followed by a patriotic song. Routine business, including enrolment of members, election of Secretaries, fixing amount of fee, etc., occupied a portion of the first session. H. C. Creed, A.M., was re-elected Secretary of the Institute. An introductory address was delivered by the Chief Superintendent, in which, after referring to the objects sought to be obtained in the formation of Teachers' Institutes, and commenting most favorably upon the work done at all the meetings held in this first year of their existence, he pointed out the high position occupied by the teachers of New Brunswick in respect of professional organization. They were connected organically with the Educational Department of the Province. Peculiar responsibilities devolved upon the members of this Educational Institute, and especially on those who here gave utterance to their opinions and sentiments upon the grave questions which may from time to time be introduced for discussion.

While the Secretaries were engaged in the enrolment of members, Dr. Rand exhibited to the Institute a specimen of the Merit Book, prepared under the direction of the Board of Education, and explained its use. This ingenious piece of school apparatus has been patented.

The work of the remaining sessions was as follows:

SECOND SESSION.—*Lecture*: "How to Study English Literature," Thomas Harrison, LL.D., Professor of Eng. Literature, Mental and Moral Science in the University of N.B.

Discussion on "The importance of cultivating a taste for healthful reading," opened by W. P. Dole, A.B., of St. John.

THIRD SESSION.—*Lecture*: "A Course of Instruction," Wm. Crocket, A.M., Principal of the Normal School.

Discussion on the same subject, opened by Ingram B. Oakes, A.B., of Newcastle, North.

FOURTH SESSION.—The members of the Institute visited the museum and library of the University and the Legislative Library. This was a very enjoyable part of the proceedings, and was rendered still more so by the opportunity kindly afforded of conversing by telephone between the residences of the Messrs. Babbitt, and of strolling through the elegant gardens of G. E. Fenety, Esq.

FIFTH SESSION.—The Normal and Model Schools were in operation, and the members of the Institute were detailed in sections for the purpose of observing the work. After the customary opening exercises of the Normal School, in the Hall, at 9 a.m., the several classes proceeded to the different class-rooms, each followed by one of these "sections." Both student-teachers and visitors passed from one room to another in rotation, at the end of each lesson. Four or five lessons were given by each of the Instructors, the time being limited to a half-hour for each lesson.

SIXTH SESSION.—Principal Crocket introduced the following important resolution, which was passed unanimously:—

"Resolved,—That this Institute, while recording its high appreciation of the efforts of the Legislature in behalf of the education of all the people, and of the great educational activity and progress which have characterized the past six years, would hereby express its sense of the vital importance to the school system of the adoption by the Legislature of the Chief Superintendent's recommendations in reference to School Inspection, a Reserve Aid Fund for Teachers, and Secondary Education, as contained in his official reports for 1872, 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877."

Lecture: "Forms of Energy," by Prof. L. W. Bailey, Ph. D., who illustrated his subject by a series of well-chosen experiments,

among the most interesting of which was the exhibition of the powers of the phonograph.

SEVENTH SESSION.—*Paper*: "The Conduct of Miscellaneous Schools," H. C. Creed, A.M., Mathematical Instructor in the Normal School.

Discussion on the same subject.

EIGHTH SESSION.—An address to the Lieut.-Governor, the Hon. E. B. Chandler was proposed by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Institute; and a committee was appointed to present the address to His Honor upon his return to Fredericton.

The election of six gentlemen to be members of the Executive Committee, and the answering of questions from the question-box, occupied a large portion of the time at the closing session. Judge Fisher, by request, entertained the audience with reminiscences of the earlier educational history of the Province, in which he himself was a prominent actor. After several votes of thanks, and a few closing remarks from the Chief Superintendent, the Institute adjourned.

On the 13th of September the summer session of the Normal School was terminated by an unusually interesting public examination, occupying the whole day. The Lieut.-Governor was present for several hours, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the exercises.

The semi-annual examinations for license took place in the following week, at Fredericton, St. John and Chatham. There were in all 159 candidates, about three-fifths of them working for second class; among them were 12 college graduates. If the total seems small to our Upper Province readers, it should be remembered that in New Brunswick attendance and professional classification of the Provincial Normal School are pre-requisites to this examination, except in the case of graduates of colleges and persons trained at another Normal School.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Much regret is being expressed at the resignation of the Hon. Mr. DeBevis, the Provincial Secretary of Prince Edward Island. As a member of the administration which inaugurated the present public school system, Mr. DeBevis has always taken a deep interest in education. As far as can be seen at the present moment, the school question on the Island has been settled to the satisfaction of all parties, though much has yet to be done in making the administration of the law perfect.

The School Trustees of Charlottetown have made much progress in organizing several new departments within the past year. Next year they will have three fine buildings thoroughly equipped and organized as public schools. The new school, which will accommodate about 600 pupils, is nearly completed on the outside, and will be ready for occupation next summer.

The Prince of Wales' College has been opened for the winter term, the matriculation examination having taken place during the first week of September. In July the examination for scholarships was conducted by Professor Anderson. Mr. Fulton J. Coffin and Mr. Judson Crawford were two of the successful candidates.

Professor W. Borthwick, one of the college staff, has returned to Scotland after a year's residence in Charlottetown. Professor Alexander has returned from Ontario, where he spent his holidays. Mr. Leo Gregor, a distinguished student of the college, has lately entered McGill College, Montreal, for the winter term.

The Normal School has been re-opened for the third term under very favorable auspices. The number of students is over ninety, the largest yet in attendance. At the entrance examination over a hundred candidates took the papers, Mr. George Harris taking the first position in point of merit and Miss Flora Stuart the second. Seven of the successful candidates came from the Cherry Valley Public School, at present conducted by Mr. John McKenzie.

The Boys' High School, under the management of Mr. Samuel M. Allen, has been doing good work during the past year. At the examination for the Davies' Silver Medal, conducted by Mr. Harper, Principal of the Normal School, Judson Crawford gained the first prize and George E. Robinson the second. At the same examination Miss Bell Longworth, of the Ladies' High School, took the Duncan Silver Medal, and Miss Madge Bear a second prize.

Mr. Ambrose Frazer has been appointed Principal of the Malbecque Public School. Mr. Fraser took a first-class licence at the late Provincial examination for teachers.

The new school at Summerside will be ready in a few months, when we will be able to give an extended report of the reorganization of the schools in town. The trustees have engaged the services of Miss Williams, formerly of Dunstaffuago.