

Sixty-three young people finished courses in the Academy and thirty-four in the Seminary.

Urgent appeals are being made to the Board of Governors to erect for the Seminary a much-needed Fine Arts building, and also to rear for the Academy a class-room building thoroughly up-to-date in its character. A fireproof library building is required to ensure the safety of the valuable and rapidly-growing library; and a new residence for college women who come in the near future. Money continues to be given to the institutions, so that the rearing of all these cannot be very far off. Hon. Nathaniel Curry, formerly of Amherst, N. S., but now a resident of Montreal, has just offered the governors one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, provided Acadia's other friends come forward with a like amount. Mr. Curry had previously donated twenty-five thousand dollars. And so well assured is he of the meeting of the condition he imposes in order to secure the much larger sum that he has already paid over a substantial portion of his recent generous offer.

Dr. Tufts has for many years combined under his charge the teaching of History and Political Economy. With the College opening in the coming autumn he will confine himself to History, and a new man, Mr. A. Burpee Balcom, will fill the chair of Economic Science. And Professor Haycock will hereafter have only Geology, Chemistry being taken by a man yet to be appointed. For other departments additional men are to be chosen during the summer, so that the teaching staff for the year 1913-14 will be considerably larger than ever before. Dr. R. V. Jones, for over half a century Professor of the Greek and Latin languages at Acadia, has resigned and retired as Professor Emeritus, in the enjoyment of a pension for the remainder of his lifetime. This scholar and Christian gentleman holds a large place in the affection of hundreds of Acadia's graduates the world over, all of whom wish him a happy eventide after so long a period of faithful and gracious service in the cause of higher education.

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CARLETON AND VICTORIA COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

More than one hundred teachers from the counties of Carleton and Victoria met in a united Institute in the Fisher Memorial school building at Woodstock, on Thursday and Friday, May 1st and 2nd.

The first session was opened at ten o'clock Thursday morning, with Principal W. T. Denham, B.A., as president and E. J. Alexander, of Hartland, secretary-treasurer.

Inspector Meagher was present, and in addressing the teachers made a strong plea for cleanliness and proper ventilation in the school-room, as most important in their influence on both teachers and

pupils. He urged that teachers and trustees co-operate in making the school surroundings pleasant and attractive to the school children.

Inspector R. P. Steeves of King's County stated that the success of an Institute depended upon the activity shown by the teachers in discussing the subjects under consideration. He emphasized the importance of the development of the reasoning and thinking powers of the pupil. Enthusiasm was very necessary in teaching. He feelingly referred to the loss the teachers and the teaching profession had sustained in the death of Drs. Hay and Brittain.

A paper on "The Very Backward Pupil," by E. J. Alexander, and papers on Nature Study in Country Schools, by Miss G. E. Long, and Nature Study in Town Schools, by Miss Mulherin, were read and followed by profitable discussions.

An address on "Making Effective Our Nature Study and Agricultural Course" was delivered by Inspector Steeves of King's County, and was followed by a brief address on agricultural subjects by H. B. Durost.

A very largely attended public meeting was held on Thursday evening when an excellent musical programme was carried out and several interesting addresses were made. The speakers were President Denham, Mayor Jones, W. B. Belyea, Chairman of the School Board; Inspector Steeves, Fletcher Peacock, Provincial Director of Manual Training; Premier Fleming, and George E. Balmain, of the School Board, and Colonel F. H. J. Dibblee. A feature of the evening's programme was the cadet corps drill, under guidance of Lieuts. Hay and Vince.

On Friday Miss C. P. Fawcett of Sackville, now of Fort Fairfield High School, gave an excellent paper on the "Teaching of Writing." Miss Fawcett would insist that pupils have good writing material. All writing should be supervised by the teacher. The copy should be put on the blackboard by the teacher in presence of the pupils. Make sure that the pupils have mastered the correct position.

The officers elected are: W. T. Denham, President, and E. J. Alexander, Secretary-treasurer.

The Institute next year will be held at Woodstock on the last two days of the school term in December.

A resolution was passed expressing deep regret at the loss, by death, of Dr. John Brittain, Professor of Natural Science in the Macdonald College at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and Dr. G. U. Hay, Editor of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, men whose lives were devoted to educational work, and who were beloved and esteemed by all with whom they came in contact.

A plan to protect a country against hostile airships has been proposed in England. Captive balloons afloat high in the air are to be loaded with explosives which can be set off whenever an enemy's airship comes near them.