

the best means yet devised of imparting the rudiments of a training in agriculture. The fact that the teachers, pupils, parents and trustees are all actively interested and devoting their

energies along specific lines of vocational training must necessarily lead to increased knowledge, increased efficiency and increased power.

HOLLAND SCHOOL FAIR

The second annual exhibition of work done by pupils of the Holland School, both High and Public, was held on Friday afternoon, November 17, in the spacious auditorium, which presented a gay appearance with its handsome decorations of flags; with the children's handiwork, tastefully arranged on its walls; with its centre furnished as a tea-room with dainty covered tables brightened by bouquets of blossoms and ferns.

The weather of the "Queen Kind" had enticed many to visit the show, and a crowd of interested and appreciative relatives and friends thronged the rooms. The exhibition was remarkable for the quantity, the variety and the excellent quality of the specimens shown. Grades I and II proved a most attractive and much admired collection of the youngest students' efforts in—

1. Weaving—Mats of pretty patterns and colors.

2. Knitting—Dolls' scarves and muffs.

3. Outlining figures of birds and animals.

4. Drawing, coloring, and cutting-out (the Duck family, a cute group).

5. Modelling in plasticine. Some of the models were exquisite in design and skilful in formation. The little modellers (girls) showed decided talent and delicacy of touch in the construction of flowers and fruit, such as the lily, daisy, grapes.

The boys chose logging chains, harrows, tennis rackets, ladders, as models, which were of good shape and well finished.

Grades III and IV also came in for their share of praise for their generous array of raffia mats, frames, hats, bags. One of binder twine was most ingenious in conception.

All sewn garments of various kinds were well done—pillow cases, aprons, caps, hemstitched handkerchiefs, needle books, arm bands, pin cushions and knitted scarves, all bearing evidence of the careful work of the young sewers.

Grades V. to XI. These grades' display included many specimens of numerous objects:

1. Map drawing, both plain and colored. Very neat and noted for accuracy of outline and details. Some colored ones finer in tone than others.

2. Drawing and coloring. This class possessed some good examples. Shows considerable ability in the young artists. The girls especially had some well executed sketches of nature objects, leaves, flowers. The boys favored flags, of which some were very well drawn and colored.

3. Papers illustrating methods of bookkeeping, of working geometry problems and specimens of writing were very neat.

4. Blackboard drawings were characterized by boldness and clearness, and had lucid explanations in capital "lettering." A. Diagrams illustrating experiments in chemistry. B. Diagrams of botanical geology, growths and formations.

5. **Woodwork.** This class had in it some fine troughs, ladders, tables, book racks, test tube holders, gates, puzzles, towel rollers, etc., well made, well finished and a credit to the makers.

6. **Vegetables.** Disappointing sections as to quantity of exhibitors, only two or three with garden produce, but they had fine potatoes, carrots, and vegetable marrows.

7. **Poultry.** Only one exhibition of poultry, one kind, Plymouth Rocks.