

head is showing silver streaks, and whose life has been consumed of strenuous practical affairs, finds himself in the sweet woods, where, as a child, he loved to roam, and where he first came upon the Twin Flower. Here, after so many years, he again sees it in all the glory of its sweet being, and his spirit glows with emotion at the sight. He had never forgotten the first meeting with it—how could he? The morning thrush was singing then; the evening thrush is singing now. It was his life's day-dawn then; it is nearing his life's sunset now. In the pure pink of one of the uplifted bells he sees the dawn, in the pure pink of its twin bell he sees the sunset—"lights of morn and even hour." In the hush of this glowing silence of beauty, he does not fear the night that is to follow the near setting of life's sun. Nay! The joy of his faith takes voice, and he tells the beauteous flower the rosy message of divine love which he cannot stay in his own breast."

### Digby and Annapolis Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers of Digby and Annapolis counties held their twenty-ninth session in the Consolidated school building, Middleton, April 3rd and 4th. There were one hundred and five teachers enrolled. On Tuesday evening a reception was held in honor of the visiting teachers. Wednesday morning session began with a lesson on Commercial Geography by Principal W. K. Tibert of Bear River. He first drew from his pupils the products of Nova Scotia and the markets to which the surplus might be exported. After tracing on the map, the course of a cargo to those markets, the geography of that country was studied in order to know the cargo for the return trip. The subject of winds and currents was also introduced.

Following this lesson came an interesting paper by Principal O. McN. Martin of Annapolis. The writer treated the subject of Ethics under two general headings, Ethics in the Teaching Profession and Teachers' Ethics. The paper was well received and some parts elicited considerable discussion from different view points.

Then followed a lesson on some Mathematical Formulae by Miss Jessie R. Bowlby of Central Clarence. By skilful questioning, and by means of cardboard models the pupils were led to understand and derive the rules for finding the areas of triangles, parallelograms, trapeziums, circles, etc. This lesson received favorable comment.

Wednesday afternoon session began with a lesson on The Union Jack by Miss Mary Palfrey of Bridgetown. Some fundamental thoughts on government were first introduced and then, after explaining and illustrating the three crosses, the pupils were shown how they were combined to form our Union Jack. Some pleasing moral lessons were also drawn from the different colors of the flag.

Next came a nature lesson—"Tell Tale Tracks," by Miss M. A. Dexter of Lawrencetown. It was a practical illustration of the purposes a nature lesson can be made to serve when the teacher is a student of nature. The tracks as left in the snow by rabbits, squirrels, weasels, etc., were drawn and from these, many interesting facts regarding these animals, as observed by the pupils, were elicited.

Miss H. M. Chute of Weymouth, followed with a lesson on Comparison of Adjectives, also a practical lesson.

Wednesday evening session was devoted in part to the

discussion of questions presented by the teachers through the "question box." Then followed an interesting paper on The Moral and Intellectual Benefits of Mechanical Science by Mr. C. L. Wood. Principal E. J. Whitman read a scholarly paper on The Teacher out of School. (This paper will be found on another page of this issue of the REVIEW.) Miss Harper of the Provincial Normal College then addressed the Institute and made an earnest plea for the teaching of music in the public schools. Professor Connolly followed with remarks along the same line.

Thursday morning's session opened with a nature lesson on The Sugar Cane by Miss H. P. McMurtery, presented in a pleasing style. Miss McMurtery held the undivided attention of her class throughout the lesson.

Miss Smith of the Normal College then gave a short address on teaching drawing, after which the program was brought to a close by Principal Ruggles of Middleton, with an illustrative talk on some methods of making home made apparatus for teaching physics.

Dr. J. B. Hall addressed the Institute on the importance of beautifying the school grounds and preparing children to do work which would be an improvement on that of their forefathers.

Mr. A. D. Brown also spoke briefly.

Then followed the appointment of officers.

The Institute was a great success in point of interest as well as numbers. The meetings were well conducted; the easy tact and good judgment exercised by the President, Inspector Morse, contributing much to the success of the gathering.—*Com.*

"See, Grandpapa, my flower!" she cried;

"I found it in the grasses!"

And with a kindly smile the Sage

Surveyed it through his glasses.

"Ah yes," he said, "involucrate,

And all the florets ligulate.

Corolla gamopetalous,—

Compositæ—exogenous—

A pretty specimen it is—

Taraxacum dens-leonis!"

She took the blossom back again,

His face her wistful eye on

"I thought," she said with quivering lip,

"It was a dandelion!"

—Margaret Johnson in *St. Nicholas*.

Here in the country's heart

Where the grass is green,

Life is the same sweet life

As it e'er hath been.

Trust in a God still lives,

And the bell at morn

Floats with a thought of God

O'er the rising corn.

God comes down in the rain,

And the crop grows tall—

This is the country faith,

And the best of all.—Norman Gale.