

discussions which were evoked by the opinions advanced by the essayists were conducted with spirit, good sense, and intelligence.

The first paper was on arithmetic, by Mr. William Cain, Inspector for the eastern district of the Province, in which he advocated more thorough drill in the elementary rules, and more general practice in mental arithmetic. He manifestly secured the sympathy of his audience, and judging from the hearty commendations of his suggestions expressed on every side, he should not experience any difficulty in giving practical effect to them.

During the same session a very thoughtful essay on "The Primary Department" was read by Miss McPhail, Summerside. Miss McPhail's great success as a primary teacher was in itself a guarantee that her paper would not consist of vain theorizings, but proceed from the fulness of her experience, and won for her an amount of respectful attention rarely accorded to one who discourses on that department of professional work.

On the motion of the Chief Superintendent a resolution was unanimously adopted to appoint a committee to confer with similar committees from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia respecting the holding, next year, of an interprovincial Convention. The Chief Superintendent, Principal Anderson, Messrs. Seaman, McLeod and McSwain, were selected to serve on that committee.

It was also proposed, and heartily agreed to, "That this convention cordially recommend the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, the organ of the teachers of the Lower Provinces, to the support of the members of the profession in this Province."

A lesson in English to a class of girls belonging to the Upper Prince Street school, by Mr. LePage of the Prince of Wales College, was a pleasant and interesting feature of the afternoon session, while the annual discussion on "Summer holidays, versus holidays Spring and Fall," and that on the proposal to dispense with the meeting of the Provincial Convention, next year, showed that both were subjects of great importance to teachers. The Institute again recorded its conviction of the necessity of a change in the holiday-time for country districts to mid-summer, and determined by a considerable majority to hold its annual meeting next year notwithstanding the assembling of teachers in Interprovincial Convention.

A public meeting was held in the evening in the Hall of the Upper Prince Street school, presided over by Mr. W. E. Dawson, chairman of the City School Board, and its signal success was in no small degree owing to the firmness and ability with which he discharged his duties. The programme comprised

addresses, readings, and songs, and all were of more than ordinary merit. The speakers were Rev. Mr. Whitman, Hon. L. H. Davies, Superintendent Montgomery, Principal Anderson and Mr. Gallant. The reverend gentleman spoke with ability, eloquence and sympathy of the importance and nobility of the teacher's profession, whilst the others, by remarks instructive and entertaining, secured to the end the attention of the crowded audience. Mr. LePage read an excellent essay on culture, and the readings of Misses Lawson, Wade and Gunn were rendered with great feeling and power. The music was much appreciated—the songs by Miss Scott and Mr. Gallant, and the violin solo by Mr. Macdougall, particularly so; and too much praise cannot be accorded to Miss Barr and her assistants of the Upper Prince Street school, for the excellent class-singing of nearly 300 of her pupils, and the admirable order maintained by them throughout the evening.

On Friday a very useful paper on "Writing" was read by Mr. McDonald, New Glasgow, and elicited a spirited discussion, and as all the remarks and suggestions were of a practical character, and were offered by gentlemen who understood and were interested in the subject—Messrs. D. J. McLeod, Prince of Wales College, Inspector Arbuckle, Stewart, Georgetown, and Principal Anderson—the result ought to be very satisfactory.

A most valuable contribution to the transactions of the Institute was the article on "School Hygiene" by Dr. Richard Johnson, health officer of Charlottetown, and formerly a member of the School Board. It was not only well and forcibly written, characterized throughout by sobriety of judgment and clearness of exposition, but singularly free from professional narrowness and dogmatism. It was listened to with close attention and keen appreciation, and a hearty vote of thanks was returned to the Doctor for the pleasure and profit which all had enjoyed. His audience regretted that it could not be read in the hearing of every Board of School Trustees in the Province, but unanimously resolved to print it and a selection from the papers of the last three years, and circulate them as widely as possible.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Joseph Roach, Souris, in criticising the "Course of Studies," recommended the elimination from it of the advanced subjects, such as Latin and mathematics; while Mr. Henry Green, St. Peter's Boys' School, Charlottetown, in an essay upon "Education in English Board Schools," suggested the adoption of the English system in Prince Edward Island in preference to that which is operative under the present school law. Principal Anderson, the Chief Superintendent, and Mr. N. McLeod, Sum