

discussion on Payne's Lectures, in which many teachers took part.

It was resolved to hold the next institute at Grand Anse.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute of the county of Restigouche met in Campbellton, on the 24th, and was in session for two days. Mr. C. Edgett was elected President; Miss Thompson, Vice-President, and Mr. C. P. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer. Nearly all the teachers in the county were enrolled. Reports of committees were received and approved.

Mr. Edgett read an excellent paper on The Teaching Profession and Teaching. A lively discussion followed. Mr. McLatchy, one of the trustees, formerly a teacher, gave an admirable address.

Deep sympathy was expressed for Mr. Steeves, Principal of the Superior School, Campbellton, who was unable to be present on account of illness, and who has done much to make the institute a success. Miss Helen Galt read a paper on "The Teaching of Science in Common Schools," which was followed by a practical lesson. Both were freely discussed and highly applauded. Miss Surrey read a paper on "Regular Attendance at School, and the Best Methods to Secure It." Miss McKinnon read another on "How to Teach Current Events," which were followed by interesting discussions.

A lesson on fractions was taught by Miss Kerr, which she illustrated by means of pieces of cardboard. Miss Galt took a number of square pieces of wood and showed how fractions could be illustrated by them to young children. The teachers assembled were much interested in these exercises.

Mr. C. H. Edgett, of the Superior School, Charlo, taught a lesson on square root. He purposely selected a class of pupils who had no previous knowledge of the subject. With pieces of wood he gave his pupils a true conception of a square. By reference to plants he gave them an idea of a root; then combined the two ideas square root. He then taught his pupils how to find the square root mentally of any number to 100. He then taught on the black-board, in detail, and not in the abbreviated form given in arithmetics, how to work questions of any number of squares exceeding 100. He illustrated the pieces by diagrams on the black-board. He then instructed the pupils how to build up the square-root, with a great number of squares of wood of different colors. The lesson occupied 40 minutes, was admirably done, and created quite an enthusiasm among the teachers.

The institute adjourned to meet in Charlo, first week in September next year.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES IN NOVA SCOTIA.

A rousing public educational meeting was held at Amherst on the evening of 3rd October, in connection with the teachers' institute. Messrs. Ross and Scanlan, teachers, Inspector Lay, Rev. Messrs. Strothard and McGregor, Messrs. A. R. Dickey, M. P., T. S. Rogers, and others. Very excellent music was furnished during the evening by Prof. Barnaby, who was ably seconded by Mr. Monroe and the Misses Gates, Miles and Pride. A choir from the schools of the town, under the direction of Mr. Ford, delighted the audience, too, with some beautiful songs.

This meeting brought to a close a series of institutes throughout Cumberland and Colchester. These institutes, of which there were 11, have been attended by about 400 persons, 250 of whom were teachers, each lasted three days, and in each instruction was given by the inspector and others, chief of whom were Principals Ruggles, Craig, Dechman, McKenna and MacTavish, in elementary science as required by the course of study, and in the general work of the school-room. These were brought to a close by this one, a description of which will suffice for all. A class of 50 assembled in the academy here on September 30, October 1st and 2nd. The teachers received personal instruction from Inspector Lay, in the elements of mineralogy, botany and entomology, while the tonic sol-fa methods of singing was taught by A. S. Ford, of the Amherst Academy. The lessons in the three first named were all practical, being fully illustrated by specimens of plants, minerals and insects, which specimens were put into the hands of the teachers. In addition to this, there were general discussions on school work, keeping the registers, returns, etc.

In nearly all, instruction was given in the Tonic Sol-fa method of singing, and teachers were carried far enough in that subject to introduce it into their schools. This teaching has been done by the Misses McCart (Folly Village), Travis (Parrsboro), and Pappard (Springhill), and by Messrs. Ross (Tatamagouche), and Ford (Wallace, Pugwash, Oxford and Amherst).

These institutes take the place of inspectorial visits during the summer term and have proved a grand success. Inspector Lay, to whom the credit of originating the idea is due, is to be congratulated. The teachers attending the institute are loud in their commendation of his painstaking perseverance, and for the interest he always manifests in their work.

It is expected that as a result of these meetings educational matters in this portion of the Atlantic provinces will be much improved.—*Ex.*