

has been in the main a technical study, good for the mental training of the student, but of little service to the teacher when brought face to face with daily instances of "things that ought not so to be," and who yet feels helpless in stemming this tide of incorrect and slovenly habits of thought. The whole question of mental imagery is one of great importance, affecting not only the subject of spelling, but to a greater or less degree every other in the school curriculum.

As teachers, we must feel indebted to Prof. Murray for his interesting and suggestive article, and must unite in hoping that further diagnoses may be presented by his skilful pen.

Sincerely yours,

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Teachers' Associations.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Northumberland County, N. B., Teachers' Institute met at Chatham on Thursday and Friday, October 15th and 16th, with an attendance of eighty teachers. The following were elected officers: President, J. M. McKenna, B. A.; Vice-President, Miss Bessie M. Creighton; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Anna G. McIntosh; Miss Frazer and J. J. Clarke additional members of the executive committee.

Mr. D. L. Mitchell, the retiring president, gave the opening address and was followed by Chief Superintendent Dr. Inch who impressed upon his audience the importance of teachers devoting time to the study of good literature, and of inculcating a spirit of patriotism among their pupils. Miss V. C. Wright read a very useful paper on the study of Practical Arithmetic for grades I-IV. This was discussed by Inspector Mersereau, Messrs. McIntosh, Yorston, McKenna, Misses Curran, Creighton and Coughlan, and Dr. Inch and Mr. J. L. Stewart. Miss C. McLean gave an interesting lesson to a class of pupils on the Transformation of Insects, which called forth much favorable comment from the speakers who took part in the discussion. Dr. Inch and Inspector Mersereau answered questions from the question box. Mrs. Salter, on behalf of the W. C. T. U., urged the teachers to inculcate daily the principles of temperance, and the institute tendered a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Inch for his assistance. In the course of his reply Dr. Inch stated that when all things were considered he thought greater progress had been made in this inspectorate than in any other; and he expected the schools of the town of Chatham, and the teaching done therein, to be models for the northern part of the province.

The public educational meeting on Thursday evening, presided over by Inspector Mersereau, was, to judge from the interesting report in the *Chatham World*, one of the best ever held on the North Shore. The speakers were Mr. J. L. Stewart of the Chatham School Board, Rev. Jos. McCoy, Dr. Inch, Rev. Dr. McKay, Rev. Father Joiner and Hon. L. J. Tweedie. The drift of opinion was that if Chatham is to be the educational centre of the North Shore, it should have a well equipped high school and more money raised for school purposes.

During the first session on Friday, papers on Vertical Writing were read by Mr. Jas. McIntosh and Miss

Anna McIntosh, and one on Teaching Sounds by Miss Bessie M. Creighton. These papers were very instructive and called forth animated discussions. At the afternoon session a resolution was passed conveying to Dr. Cox the regrets of the institute at his unavoidable absence, and thanking him for the interest he has always manifested in the institute. The subjects discussed at the afternoon session were Truth Teaching, a paper on Ungraded Schools by Miss Annie Simpson, and to What Extent can the Principles of Grading be applied to a Miscellaneous School? led by Inspector Mersereau.

The next institute will be held at Newcastle in September, 1897.

KINGS COUNTY, N. B., INSTITUTE.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Kings County, N. B., Teachers' Institute was held at Hampton, on Thursday and Friday, September 9th and 10th; Amasa Ryder, of Havelock, president, in the chair. Dr. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education, and Inspector Steeves were present, and took part in the proceedings of the institute, and also addressed the public meeting on Thursday evening. Papers were read by A. E. Pearson on Everybody and Schools; by C. D. Strong on Newspaper History; by R. King, principal of the Sussex Grammar School, on Early Education. A resolution was passed disapproving of the change from Thursday to Saturday for the annual school meeting throughout the province. The following were elected officers: S. L. T. McKnight, president; Miss Edith Darling, vice-president; C. H. Perry, secretary-treasurer. Miss Margaret Stewart, and J. W. Menzie additional members of the executive.

It was decided to hold the twelfth annual institute at Sussex on Thursday and Friday preceding Labor day.

VICTORIA COUNTY, N. B., INSTITUTE.

The teachers of Victoria County met on the 8th and 9th October, at Andover. Thos. Rogers was elected president, Miss Bessie Scott, vice-president; C. H. Elliot, secretary-treasurer, with J. L. White and Miss Phoebe Emack as additional members of the executive committee. The following papers were read: C. H. Elliot, A. B., of the Andover grammar school, on Algebra; Miss Fletcher on Deportment; Miss Mabel Barker on Nature Lessons; by President Rogers on Ocean Currents; Miss Bessie Scott on Discipline. Chief Superintendent Dr. Inch and Inspector Meagher were present. A public educational meeting was held on Thursday evening, at which excellent addresses were given by the chief superintendent and others.

A programme for next year's institute was made up as follows: School Entomology, or Farm and Garden Pests and How to Deal with Them, Thos. Rogers; Correlation of Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry, C. H. Elliot; Lesson on Winds, J. Leigh White; Correlation of History and Biography, J. T. Tuthill; Teacher's Personal Influence in Country Districts, J. B. Stevenson. Besides, six lady teachers are to have papers all on one subject; subject to be chosen by executive committee; papers not to exceed five minutes. The institute decided to meet again in Andover, on the last Thursday in Sept., 1897.