

the Provincial Cabinet, and a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen. The matriculating class numbers 26, the largest, we believe, in the history of the university.

The *University Monthly* which has just come to hand is a special number that has been produced with excellent care and taste, and is a credit, not only to its editors, but to the university.

WE have received an admirable pamphlet of some 19 pages, bearing the title, "Notes on the German School by J. B. Hall, Ph. D., Normal School, Truro, Nova Scotia." Dr. Hall has evidently been studying the German school system during his year on the continent with deep interest, in order to produce so striking and inspiring a view of the whole in so short a space. From the clear glimpse given by our enthusiastic author, it is abundantly evident that as a whole the Germans have gone far ahead of us, even in the common school department. Dr. Hall's German studies, we expect, will give a fresh impulse to the good work carried on by the Nova Scotia Normal School.

It is with much pleasure we observe a notice of another work of Dr. Hall's as being ready for the press, viz: "Outlines of Pedagogical Psychology, Logic, and History of Pedagogics." Such a treatise will be a valuable addition to our educational publications.

THE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT.

The recent display at the Saint John Exhibition of work done in the New Brunswick Schools, has called forth most favorable comment. It shows what a carefully prepared and wisely administered system of public school education is capable of accomplishing in the hands of intelligent teachers with progressive methods. Men and women who seldom see the interior of a school-room gazed with astonishment at the specimens of manual work done by children of tender years, and contrasted the practical methods of school work to-day with those that obtained but a few years ago.

In completeness this exhibit left little to be desired. There was every grade of work shown, and the Province, as a whole, was well represented. But the great bulk of the work exhibited was from the schools in cities and towns. A few villages were represented, but the country schools sent but a meagre display. But visitors were anxious to know: What are the country schools doing and how are they doing it? The excellent display of manual work from the normal school was creditable to the Province. The work,

continued in this line under the skilful guidance of Mr. Brittain, should, at every succeeding exhibition, show better results in steadily progressive improvement of the country schools in manual work. The majority of graduates from the normal school are engaged to teach in country districts. It will be a test, then, of the efficiency of the manual work done in the normal school, if, from year to year, these schools shall show improvement in this respect. They are, perhaps, doing good work already, but through lack of a little enterprise they were not adequately represented. But let the country schools come to the front in future exhibitions.

We would like to see, also, how far the successful example of Miss Orr, of the Victoria School, St. John, in incorporating Kindergarten methods with primary school work is being followed in other sections of the province. The display of the St. John schools in primary work was very creditable.

If there is a lesson to be learned from the educational exhibit it is that schools generally should be represented, and that the *every day* work of pupils should be shown to form an adequate idea of what the pupils are doing, and what progress is being made in our educational development.

N. B. TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

The second annual meeting of the Victoria and Madawaska Teachers' Institute, will be held at Edmundston, October 23rd and 24th. Inspector O'Brien is president, and with an energetic executive committee has made an excellent programme. A public meeting will be held at which Chief Superintendent Crockett is expected to be present. There will be specimens of manual work executed by pupils. Papers will be read by H. Henderson, A. B., D. W. Ross, E. M. Brundage, Miss Maggie McGill, with illustrative lessons by Misses Sarah Truswell and Gertrude Henderson. All the teachers in Victoria and Madawaska should make it a point to attend and help to build up the institute which was so successfully inaugurated last year.

The Northumberland County Institute will be held October 15th and 16th.

St. John and Kings County Institutes will be held on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 30th and 31st. The programme of the former has been already published in these columns, from which it will be seen that a very interesting session is promised.

The Restigouche Co. Institute met at Campbellton, on the 25th and 26th September.

So great an interest was taken in the proceedings