

Miss Helena B. Atkinson read a carefully prepared paper on Some Ways of Obtaining Good Order in School. Discussed by Miss Mary E. Bray, Miss Mary L. Daly and Messrs. Wm. M. Burns, T. E. Colpitts and Inspector Steeves.

Miss Mary E. Bray next read an excellent paper on The Teaching of Temperance in Our Schools. Mr. Burns illustrated by Yaggy's Anatomical Chart. Inspector Steeves spoke to the paper in a very effective manner.

Thos. J. Baizley read a thoughtfully prepared paper on Ethics. Discussed by Rev. Chas. Comben and C. A. Moore.

At the fourth session W. H. Belyea read a short, pithy paper on Geometry; discussed by Messrs. R. J. Colpitts, Lawlor, Baizley, Starrett, Burns, Allen, and President Colpitts. Thos. J. Allen's paper on The Teachings of Blunders, was well received. It was discussed by Inspector R. P. Steeves.

The following officers were then duly elected for the ensuing year: W. W. P. Starratt, president; Annie L. Kierstead, vice-president; A. D. Jonah, secretary-treasurer.

Thos. J. Baizley and Miss Florence Vail additional members of executive.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Institute at Harvey Corner on the Thursday and Friday preceding Labor Day, 1898.

Institute donated five dollars toward the Jubilee fund for the public school library of Hillsborough. Upon motion it was suggested to the new executive that arithmetic, color, Canadian history to beginners, and practical grammar and composition be placed upon programme for discussion at the next institute. It was requested that the various papers read at the different sessions be published.

A. C. M. LAWSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

ANNAPOLIS AND DIGBY, N. S., INSTITUTE.

Under the excellent management of Inspector Morse, this Institute has for several years done much good to the teachers of his district. The last meeting held at Digby on the 20th and 21st of May was one of the best. An informal session held on the preceding evening was much enjoyed. Miss Carrie Westhauer read an admirable essay which we hope to publish.

Regarding the public educational meeting which forms one of the most attractive features of Teachers' Institutes, the *Chronicle* has the following:

The programme was a full and very interesting one, having as one feature a series of Tonic Sol-fa exercises under the direction of Miss McNeil; Superintendent of Education A. H. MacKay was the first speaker. In an admirable and very pleasing address, Dr. MacKay pointed out the difficulties which confronted the council of education in formulating a common school curriculum which should meet with universal approval. Objections were many, but they very often understood but little of the situation. Those who advocate the three R's as the proper sum total of education had failed

to catch the spirit of modern school work. In this age a boy needed a broad training, but this need not be a crammed training. We had much to learn from the country schools of England and Germany.

Professor Smith of the Truro Agricultural school spoke of the advantages which are not placed before our country youth. Our farmers' boys especially, had opportunities now which would be hard to excel anywhere. A farmer needed an education as thorough as in any of the walks of life, and the day had passed when farmer and the ignoramus were synonymous. For any of the vocations a training of the best type available was now absolutely necessary.

These speakers were followed by the local clergy, Revs. Philips, Johnson, Harley and Thomas, who spoke very appropriately along educational lines. Mr. Harley desired to see the religious atmosphere of our schools as pure as possible; where the young received early impressions was the place to instil morality. Mr. Thomas wanted a Union Jack in every school house, and patriotism taught, studied and lived.

The teachers of the district were assisted by Miss Smith of the normal school in a paper on drawing, and by Principal Cameron of Yarmouth Academy, by one of his inimitable lessons on Literature—the subject on this occasion being "Tennyson's Dream of Fair Women."

The following officers were elected for next year:—Vice-President, W. M. McVicar; Sec.-Treasurer, A. L. Bishop Executive Committee: J. H. Crowe, A. D. Brown, Miss Laura Messenger, Miss Carrie Morse, Miss Margaret Archibald.

A correspondent says: "The influence of a good principal was well illustrated at the public meeting in the evening, when the large hall was crowded up to the door without seating room for many from eight o'clock until a quarter to eleven, and the youthful element kept as orderly to the end as if they were at a school examination. The musical entertainment was given by a number of the public school pupils who filed on and off the stage with the greatest precision; and the vocal music did much credit to Miss MacNeil, the Tonic Sol-fa teacher of the staff of the public schools. Order was visible everywhere, and with order the evidence of thorough work.

When at the meeting of the Institute a lesson was given by a teacher from a distant school section on the metric system, from one of the departments of the Digby schools any number of metric measures made and graded by the pupils themselves could be had to illustrate to the audience what could be done. The drawings on the boards of the different rooms were creditable, and the British flag appeared to have a place on each blackboard.

On passing by Annapolis, we found that the county academy students had raised funds for the purchase of a very large flag, and at a very considerable expense a flag mast of an unusually superior character was just erected. The lesson of the flag is evidently well taught and is becoming well learned in the garden of the west of Nova Scotia."