

Chatham, and five from the French Preparatory Department would receive Third Class License.

The Albert County Teachers' Institute held its third annual meeting at Harvey, on the 2nd and 3rd of Sept., with the following officers, elected at the first session, viz. Mr. N. Duffy, President, Mr. Joshua Thompson, Vice President, Mr. Wm. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Ada Russel and Miss Maud Charters, additional members of managing committee. C. A. Peck, Esq., was elected an honorary member of the Institute. The papers read at the several sessions were as follows:—"The aim of common school education," by Miss S. E. Brewster, "The Importance of Intellectual Training for Teachers" by the President. (Both of these were read a second time by request); "How to teach writing," by Mr. Chipman Bishop, "The Discouragements of Teachers," by Miss Moore; "How to Teach History," by Mr. Jones; "The Teaching of Grammar," by Mr. Beverly Nobles. Dr. Rand was present and participated in the discussions on some of the papers and on other topics. A considerable part of two sessions was occupied in the consideration of a variety of questions relating to the Course of Instruction, the Inspectorial Regulations and other matters. Questions on these subjects were freely put to the Chief Superintendent by members of the Institute, who received much light from the Doctor's ready answers, and must have found not a few real or imaginary difficulties removed. On the evening of the first day, Dr. Rand delivered a public lecture on certain phases of educational work in this Province, a lecture which was listened to with great pleasure and profit by a large audience, the President of the Institute occupying the chair. At the closing session of the Institute there was a pleasing variation from the usual "question-box." The lady-teachers took the part of questioners, and the gentlemen did their best to furnish satisfactory replies. Another good thing introduced here was calling the roll of districts represented, as well as of teachers. The proceedings closed with a resolution of thanks to Dr. Rand for information given and sympathy shown to the teachers in their work.

At the Teachers' Institute for Sunbury County, held at Oromocto simultaneously with the above, the officers and committee chosen for the year were Mr. A. L. Belyea, President, Miss Bessie Bridges, Vice President, Mr. C. S. McCutcheon, Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. G. H. V. Belyea and Miss Ida Barker. Papers were read by Mr. Belyea, on "Written Examinations—their Use"; by Mr. McCutcheon on "Physical and Vocal Culture," and another on "How to secure Perfect Order in School"; by the President on the question "How to promote the Co-operation of Teachers and render Institutes increasingly successful." There were discussions on these subjects and on county educational matters.

We have no account of the Restigouche County Institute.

QUEBEC.

The introductory lecture of the Ladies' Educational Association, Montreal, for the present year, was given in Synod Hall, by President Wilson, LL.D., of Toronto University. Dr. Dawson, Principal of McGill University, occupied the Chair, and on the platform were the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, the Rev. Prof. Murray, LL.D., Dr. Wilson and Prof. Moyses. The hall was filled with a large audience composed almost entirely of ladies. Dr. Wilson, in the course of an admirable lecture, showed how important is the sphere of womanhood, and how she was gradually raised in the social scale by the advance of civilization, and more especially by the spread of Christianity. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, congratulated him on the high and honourable position to which he had lately attained as President of the Toronto University.

The opening ceremonies for the ensuing term of the Diocesan College, Montreal, took place lately in the rooms of the College at Synod Hall. The Chair was occupied by his Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, and addresses were delivered by Bishop Alford and the Rev. Dr. Bell.

Mr. John Harper, B.A., was recently appointed Rector of the High School, Quebec, in the room of Mr. Mitchell who has resigned that position. Mr. Harper, till his present appointment, was Rector of the Normal School and one of the Professors of the Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. He had previously, for a series of years, been Rector of the High School, St. John, New Brunswick. In all of these positions his record as a teacher and administrator in school management, and as a scholar, is of the highest order. It is expected that from his experience, his previous success, and tact in the conduct of numerous attended

schools, that Quebec High School will attain to a high position among the classical institutions of the country.

In the High School, Montreal, Mr. Nelson Power, B.A., Oxon., takes the place of Mr. Roodie, whose resignation was accepted previously to the closing of the schools for the summer vacation.

The great event of the month in an educational point of view, is the laying the corner stone of the new Museum, McGill University. The Museum building about to be erected is a gift to the University, made by Peter Redpath, Esq., and it is said that when completed it will cost over a hundred thousand dollars. His Excellency, the Governor General laid the corner stone in the presence of the members of the Convocation of McGill College, and a large number of invited guests, as well as of many others whom so interesting an occasion attracted to the place. An opening prayer, appropriate to the occasion, was read by the Venerable Archdeacon Leach. Principal Dawson then addressed the Convention, and after expressing the gratitude of the University to the liberal donor of the new museum, proceeded to explain the nature and utility of the gift. He said—

A university museum is not merely a place for exhibiting specimens. It is an institution for teaching and for general research; hence the new building will have commodious class-rooms and laboratories, and will accommodate the classes in geology and biology, as well as special students. It will send forth men, and, I hope, women also, trained to interrogate nature, and to discover the hidden treasures of our country, and to ward off, by the aid of science, injuries that may threaten our industries. From it will emanate new discoveries creditable to Canada, and tending to the advancement of science. It will enable instruction to be given under the most favorable conditions, not merely to University students, but to special students and to the public generally. It will be a centre of information to which all interested in the aspects of nature in this country, and in the development of our resources will resort for aid and guidance. Nor will it be without its influence in the highest interests of humanity. The testimony of nature to the power and divinity of its author may sometimes be obscured by the imperfect or inaccurate teachings of man, but it cannot be suppressed; and one of the ways in which it is most profoundly impressed on the mind, is by the study of well arranged specimens of natural objects. The gift comes at a most suitable time, when our collections have outgrown the space for their exhibitions, when we require the rooms they occupy for other uses, and when the only national collection in Canada, that of the Geological Survey, is about to be removed from our city. The speaker then referred to the ample provisions made for such objects in other countries, while in Canada we were as yet only following at a distance, and expressed the hope that the present great benefaction, the largest in amount since the original endowment by McGill, would lead to similar provision being made for other wants of the University.

The Principal's remarks were received with much applause, and thereafter Mr. Peter Redpath came forward and addressed the members of Convocation as follows:

Mr. Chancellor and Gentlemen of Convocation:

A desire to aid the McGill University in the educational work which it is carrying on, and which, notwithstanding its very limited means, it is endeavoring to extend, has prompted me to supply one of its many wants by the erection of a museum on the grounds of the University. The utmost space which can in the existing buildings be devoted to museum purposes is altogether inadequate, even for the exhibition of specimens already belonging to the University, not to mention the extensive geological collections which the Principal proposes to present when sufficient accommodation shall be provided. This building is therefore intended as a place of deposit and study of specimens in geology, mineralogy, palaeontology, zoology, botany and archæology, and it will probably more than meet all the immediate requirements of the University in that direction. It is intended that the use of the Museum and its contents shall be in the first place for the professors and students of McGill College and University, and secondly for all students of natural science and for the public, under such regulations as may from time to time be enacted by the corporation of the University, with the approval of the Board of Governors. When the undertaking was commenced, I did not anticipate any such ceremony as that which has brought this assembly together to-day. I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred by His Excellency the Governor-General in taking a part in it, and I desire for myself to thank His Excellency for his presence on the occasion.