

the law he was administering. Whenever Mr. Dewar desired a new school house erected, or an additional teacher employed, he almost invariably got what he asked, and the concession was made willingly and cheerfully by the trustees and people, and he can now fairly look back with pride and pleasure upon the excellent work he has done, under the law, in North Huron. Mr. D. M. Malloch, of Clinton, has been appointed Mr. Dewar's successor. He is an experienced and able teacher and we do not know of any one who could have been selected, better adapted in every respect to carry on the work which has been so well commenced and so ably prosecuted by his predecessor. We shall be much mistaken if Mr. Malloch does not perform the important duties of his new position with credit to himself, benefit to the district, and to the satisfaction of the people. The new Inspector commenced his duties on the 1st of January. — *Huron Express*.

This session a departure from the ordinary routine of Normal school life has been induced in by the students, in the formation of a Literary and Musical Society. The meetings are held weekly in the Normal school, and so far have been most successful. The following are the officers: President, Geo. M. Ritchie of Barrie; vice-president, Harry Chapple of Durham; secretary, Geo. K. McDowell of Stratford; committee, Harold Clark of Toronto, Aaron Orr of Norwood, and Wm. A. Scott of Berlin. The programme usually consists of vocal and instrumental music, readings, debates, etc. A recent evening's proceedings embraced songs by Misses Gladish, Henderson and Brown, and Mr. Scott; readings by Misses Alexander and Scott, and a debate in which Messrs. McDowell, Cowie, Fry, and Stewart took part. At the president's request, Dr. Davies, president of the school, addressed the society, giving kindly words of encouragement and offers of assistance. — *Toronto Telegram*.

The teachers of Windsor have, for some time, practised the commendable plan of holding monthly conventions, for the purpose of discussing books, methods of instruction, &c. At the meeting, held in the model school, Windsor, Nov. 15, views and opinions taken from the reading of an appointed book in the school library, were given by some of the members. Mr. M. Morrison, second master of the separate school, showed his plan of teaching per centage. Mrs. Williams, principal of the colored school, read an essay on the Life and Times of Dr. Ryerson. Mr. A. McNeill gave a good address, criticising Thwing's Reading of Books. The several subjects were discussed. Besides those who took part in the proceedings, the following attended: Mrs. Labadie, Miss Fuller, Miss Keyes, Messrs. J. Duncan (president), A. Sinclair, M.A.; D. Chenay, and A. Bondy. Mr. Sinclair was elected president, and Mr. Morrison secretary for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. W. Hoover, an Ontario teacher who has had charge of Danville, P. Q., Academy for the past year, has resigned that position to pursue the study of medicine. Mr. Hoover earned golden opinions from the citizens of Danville, and his departure was marked with much sorrow and many valuable souvenirs.

Geo. Stewart, B.Sc., who was assistant in Smith's Falls high school, has accepted the position of science and English master in Orillia high school at a salary of \$800. Mr. Stewart is reported to be an able and successful teacher.

The following petition is being printed under the direction of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and copies will be sent to all School Trustees immediately: — Gentlemen, — Believing that the education of the people would to a great degree prevent the evils of intemperance, we, the undersigned, urge the introduction of scientific instruction into the Public and High schools. We would respectfully but very earnestly call your attention, 1. To the terrible effect caused by the excessive use of alcoholic liquor upon the health, mind and morals of large numbers of our people, and pressing necessity for some sure and effective remedy therefor. 2. That in a large majority of cases the habit of drinking is contracted by children and youths without any correct knowledge of the nature of alcoholic liquors, and their effect upon the human system. 3. That no more efficient medium than the public school can be found for imparting the much needed knowledge to the rising generation of our country, thus furnishing them at the very threshold of life with the best means for avoiding what the celebrated Dr. Andrew Clarke has justly denominated, "The Enemy of the Human Race." 4. That in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh, and other large cities of Great Britain, scientific temperance instruction has been introduced as a regular part of school work, and with the best possible results. 5. That in

numerous cities and towns in the United States, and notably in New York city, Temperance text books have been introduced, and this course is endorsed by their best educators and philanthropists. Inasmuch as the power has been granted you by the regulation of the Minister of Education in connection with "temperance and hygiene," we therefore earnestly request that you will order adequate stated instruction to be given on this subject by the teachers under your supervision to the public attending their schools; also that the pupils be examined on the subject for promotion as a basis for this scientific temperance instruction. The following approved text books are suggested for reference, or to be introduced into the schools: Dr. Richardson's Text Book on Temperance, Alcohol and Hygiene; Miss Colman's Temperance Text Book, G. D. Platt, of Picton, Ont.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The chair of Mathematics in the Halifax High School, made vacant by the election of Mr. Alex. McKay to the Supervisorship of City Schools, has been filled by the appointment thereto of Mr. A. J. Denton. Mr. Denton is a graduate of Acadia College, and holds in addition to his university degree a Provincial Grade A license, as well as its equivalent, a Grammar School diploma of the Province of New Brunswick. He is thoroughly devoted to the work of public instruction, in which he has had large and successful experience. Supervisor McKay gives promise of much usefulness in his new sphere.

The next annual meeting of the Provincial Educational Association will, it is expected, be held at Truro, about the middle of July. The Executive Committee has recently been in session making preliminary arrangements and transacting necessary routine business.

By legislation effected a year or two since, the "Halifax School for the Blind" was to a certain extent affiliated with the Provincial system of Public Instruction. The county municipalities are required to contribute to its support as to that of other schools, while the Provincial treasury furnishes a grant proportionate to the number of pupils. At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors, the affairs of the institution were found to be in a satisfactory state. At a largely attended public gathering held in connection with the above meeting, addresses were delivered by Lieutenant Governor Richey, Bishop Binney, the Superintendent of Education, and others. Under the able management of Mr. C. F. Fraser, the Principal, assisted by a competent corps of instructors, the school has attained a status which reflects credit upon the Province.

The annual calendar of Pictou Academy, recently published, shows that this well known institution is in a flourishing condition. Its students seem to have their usual success in matriculation competitions at Dalhousie, McGill, Queen's, the Royal Military College, etc.

Another case of a teacher being dragged before the Courts for punishing a refractory pupil is reported. Mr. Fraser, principal of the public school at Acadian Mines, having been thus arraigned, was adjudged guilty of inflicting unlawful and malicious punishment and sentenced to the payment of a fine and costs. We are glad to observe that the decision of the magistrate, which intelligent observers of the trial regard as entirely unsustained by the evidence, has severely shocked the moral sense of the community. Steps were almost immediately taken to indicate in an expressive way the determination of the people generally to sustain the legitimate authority of the teachers. At a large and influentially attended meeting of the citizens, convoked a few days after Mr. Fraser's trial, resolutions were unanimously adopted protesting against the magistrate's decision, indicating Mr. Fraser's course as moderate and rendered necessary by the circumstances, and expressing the strong purpose of the community to secure the maintenance of order in its schools. The resolutions were spoken to approvingly by Mr. Jammé, manager of the Steel Works, Rev. Father Hamilton, Rev. Mr. Logan (Presbyterian), Rev. Mr. Mosler (Methodist), Dr. J. W. MacDonald, W. B. Huestis, Esq., and others.

Mr. Jeremiah Willoughby, a Grade B teacher of many years standing, has issued a small volume, entitled, "Education in Nova Scotia—as it was and as it is; or, Lights and Shadows in the Life of an Old Teacher."