

NOVA SCOTIA.

The second annual meeting of the Annapolis County Teachers' Association was held at Bridgetown on the 28th and 29th of April. The Association was presided over by L. S. Morse, Esq., A.M., Inspector of schools for District No. 4, with E. J. Lay, Esq., as vice-president, and J. M. Longley, Esq., A.B., as secretary-treasurer. Messrs. A. D. Brown, S. C. Shafner, H. Munro and J. H. Crosscup, constitute the executive committee. Papers were read by Mr. Lay on "The Time Table," Mr. A. D. Brown on "Reading," Mr. H. Munro on "The Teaching of Elementary Grammar," Mr. W. H. Fairn on "Arithmetic," Mr. S. C. Shafner on "School Government," Mr. J. H. Crosscup on "The Rewards of the Teacher," and Mr. M. L. Fields on "Method." The above subjects were all presented in a highly able and practical manner, and nothing could exceed the interest with which they were discussed by the seventy teachers present. The public educational meeting on the evening of the 28th was addressed by E. J. Lay, Esq., who delivered a very interesting and eloquent lecture on "Wonders outside of Wonderland." Short speeches were also given by the president, Mr. Morse, and by the Rev. Mr. Warren. Before adjourning, the Association voted to change its title to "The Teachers' Association of District No. 4."

The second annual meeting of the Teachers' Association for Cumberland County was held at Amherst on the same days as the above. Nearly fifty enrolled members were in attendance and the proceedings throughout were enthusiastic and encouraging. Inspector McKenzie presided with tact and efficiency. Mr. C. F. Hall of Amherst Academy acted as vice-president and Miss Logan as secretary. Papers on reading, arithmetic and spelling, or rather on the proper methods of teaching these subjects were read by Mr. Ward, Miss Archibald, and Mr. Wyllie respectively, on "Irregular Attendance" by Mr. Rockwell, and on "Compulsory Education" by Miss Logan. The question box, as well as the papers referred to elicited much earnest and profitable discussion. Among the teachers who participated actively in this may be mentioned Messrs. Smith (of Antigonish Co), Slade, Wyllie, Hutchison, Ward and Hall. Professors Hall and Eaton, of the Normal School, were present at Friday's session and contributed in a marked manner to their interest and profit. The Superintendent of Education, Dr. Allison, arrived on Thursday p. m. and remained till the close. A very largely attended public meeting was held in the Music Hall on Thursday evening. Dr. Allison's address was listened to with attention, and short speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Steele, Hon. Hiram Black, and Mr. W. F. Cutler. Though the Academy is at present in a very efficient condition, the proceedings of the Association were well calculated to give a fresh impetus to the cause of education in the vicinity. Its effects will indeed be felt throughout the county.

The Easter examination at St. Francois Xavier College, Antigonish, took place from the 2nd to the 12th of April. Mr. Angus Chisholm and Mr. John McDougall, having completed the course in arts and undergone with marked success the necessary examinations, were duly graduated as Bachelors of Arts. Mr. Chisholm secured a provincial academic license at the annual examination in July last. The pass and prize lists indicate a very successful year's work.

The annual convocation of Dalhousie College was held in the Legislative Assembly room on the 27th of April. There was a large attendance. Very Rev. Principal Ross presided. Professor McDonald, secretary of the Faculty, read the list of graduates, general and special prize-men, pass-men, &c. We furnish the names of graduates and prize-men:—

Graduates, B. A.—H. G. Creelman, Stewiacke; Alf. Costly, Halifax; W. M. Macdonald, Halifax; J. A. Sedgewick, Musquodoboit; W. H. Spencer, Londonderry. *B. A. honours of the second rank in mathematics and physics:* Hugh Graham Creelman. *Prize list.*—Classics: 4th year, J. A. Sedgewick; 3rd year, J. S. Trueman; 2nd year, J. A. Bell; 1st year, (1) J. P. McLeod; (2) H. S. Adams. Mathematics: 2nd year, A. G. Reid; 1st year, (1) J. P. McLeod; (2) H. Elliott. Optics and Astronomy: H. G. Creelman. Physics: G. S. Carson. Ethics: T. Stewart. Metaphysics: (1) W. M. Fraser, B. Sc.; (2) Geo. M. Campbell. Logic: J. W. McLonnan. Chemistry, organic: A. G. Reid; inorganic: H. Dickie. Geology: A. G. Cameron. Zoology: J. A. Moran. French: 4th year, T. Stewart; 3rd year, H. Mellish. Rhetoric: J. P. McLeod. German: A. G. Reid. *Special prizes.*—The St. Andrews' Prize: J. A. Macdonald. The Elocution prizes: (1) J. E. Forsyth; (2) E. M. Dill. The Waverly Bursary: J. A. Bell. The Governor-

General's Gold Medal: H. G. Creelman. The valedictory oration was pronounced by Mr. H. G. Creelman, B. A., after which the Hon. Mr. Holmes delivered an eloquent address, when the convocation was dismissed.

We have to record the death on the 21st of April, of Mr. Alex. McKinnon, Esq., ex-inspector of schools for District No. 7. The deceased gentleman, who retired from office last autumn, under the pressure of severe illness, secured and retained the esteem of a large circle of friends in Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. He was a native of Pictou county. In 1862 he entered St. Francois Xavier College, Antigonish, where he studied till 1867, when he removed to the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Montreal, with which he was connected as a student for two years. In 1873 he was appointed inspector of schools for the county of Cape Breton, and in 1880 was placed in charge of the enlarged district comprising Cape Breton and Richmond counties. The *Sidney Express* refers to the respect paid to his memory by the large concourse representing all classes and all creeds attendant upon his funeral ceremonies.

A shadow was cast over the Provincial Normal School by the death of Miss Janie Fraser of Pictou, a few days prior to the close of the winter session. Miss Fraser was a very successful student, cherishing intellectual ambitions perhaps too large and high for her physical strength.

The following is the report of the High School Department of Lunenburg Academy, for the winter term, 1880-81, for attendance: Prizes, Ada Morash, Mary Acker, Bessie Dares, Ida Silver, Bertha Smith, Bella Beck, Susie Hebb, Maggie Emino. (These eight pupils were present every session of the term. Ada Morash received a copy of Longfellow's Poems as a special prize for having been present every session of the past three terms. The others received copies of Owen's Chronographical Chart of General History. These prizes were awarded at the close of the Public Examination, April 29th.) The percentage of the thirty enrolled pupils daily present on an average for the whole term was 86.9, the highest the department has ever had. The total number of "tardy" marks was 41. The percentage of the twenty-six pupils present at the Public Examination was, for the full term, 94.6. The percentage of their department was over 98! E. H. OWEN, Esq., is Principal.

MANITOBA.

Our local legislature now in session have had under consideration the School Bill: the second reading is now in progress. In the course of the debate, the Premier and other members spoke in high terms of the excellence of the work done by the Board of Education. The hon. Senator Girard, Provincial Secretary, said, amongst other things, that the superintendents of both sections, but especially the one for the Protestant section, as he had a larger field, had distinguished themselves by their zeal in the cause of education. The latter had been continually travelling through the province explaining the school law, &c., and had done good work, and the completeness of the educational work of the province was, in great part, due to his efforts.

As soon as our provincial income had been settled to correspond with our increased responsibilities, we hope, amongst other things, to make provision for the training of our teachers; to supply the link between the present public schools and the university, which the different colleges have provided in a most admirable manner up to the present time without any State aid; and to secure a legislative grant for the University of Manitoba out of which to provide scholarships, similar to those that are offered by Toronto University.

The attendance in the Winnipeg schools has greatly increased during the present term, and the two departments at Portage la Prairie are so crowded that it is in contemplation to open another school forthwith.

Readings and Recitations.

SIXTEEN AND SIXTY.

Old grandma sits in her oaken chair,
And in flies Bessie with tangled hair.
"I'm going to be married, oh, grandmamma!
I'm going to be married. Ha, ha! ha, ha!"

Old grandma smooths out her apron string:
"Do you know, my dear, 'tis a solemn thing?"