

The annual meeting of the Teachers' Association for Inspectoral District No. 4 (Counties of Annapolis and Digby) was held at Annapolis on Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th ult. Papers were read as follows: "Needed Reforms in our Public Schools," Mr. J. A. Balcom; "the Successful Teacher," Mr. Wm. E. Reade; "the best Method of teaching Geography," Mr. Jas. P. Nowlan; "Improved Methods of Teaching since 1848," Mr. Phineas Whitman; "The Teacher's opportunities and how to improve them," Mr. N. E. Butler. Oral lessons: on Decimals Fractions, Mr. Henry Munro; on Analysis, Mr. A. D. Brown; on Subtraction, Miss. Bonyman. The Association was ably presided over by the inspector of the district, L. S. Morso, A.M. The Superintendent of Education was present and addressed a crowded public meeting on the evening of the 27th.

The death is announced of the Rev. Dr. Hannan, Archbishop of Halifax. Before his elevation to the Archiepiscopal see Dr. Hannan was for many years, both before and after the passing of the Free School Act, member of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, and as such rendered good service to the cause of education. The deceased prelate was in his 61st year and died after a very short illness. As head of the Roman Catholic Church in the ecclesiastical Province comprised of the dioceses of Halifax, Arichat, St. John, Chatham, Charlottetown, St. Johns (*Newfld.*) and Harbor Grace, he was widely known and highly esteemed.

An Association under the name of the "Acadian Science Club," for the prosecution of Scientific Studies and investigations, has been formed by some of the teachers of Inspectoral District No. 5 (Counties of Kings and Hants). The Club has been organized with especial reference to the Science-teaching outlined in the new Course of Study. The programme of the Club contemplates courses of lectures, summer meetings for excursions and field work, correspondence between members &c., &c. The following are the officers of the "Acadian Science Club":—President, Albert Coldwell, A. M., Instructor in Natural Science, Acadia College. Directors, C. W. Roscoe, Inspector of Schools; A. J. Denton, A.B.; J. F. Godfrey, W. P. Shafner, A.B.; W. W. Saunders. Secretary and Treasurer, A. J. Pineo, A.B.

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At an adjourned meeting of the Protestant section of the Board of Education recently held, the resolutions relating to the Normal School Department that were introduced by the Superintendent at a previous meeting were taken into consideration. On motion of the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Hall, they were unanimously adopted in the following shape, and the Superintendent was instructed to send a copy of them to the Board of Protestant School Trustees for their concurrence, and to ask His Honor the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council for the necessary legislation to enable the Board to take action upon them, after which the meeting adjourned:—

1. That a Normal School Department be established in connection with the Protestant public schools of the City of Winnipeg, and that this Department be opened at the commencement of the next term of the school year.

2. That the two terms of this Department shall correspond to the terms of the school year; and the professional course shall be completed in one term.

3. That an annual grant of two thousand dollars be made by the Protestant section of the Board of Education to the Board of Protestant School Trustees of the city of Winnipeg for the maintenance of the same.

4. That the Inspector of Protestant schools for the city of Winnipeg shall direct the teacher of the Department as to his duties and the subjects to be taught, and generally supervise the Department under the direction of the Superintendent of Education.

5. That a teacher be appointed for this Department by the Protestant section of the Board of Education with the concurrence of the Board of Protestant School Trustees.

6. That the Board of Protestant School Trustees shall provide suitable class rooms for the Normal School, and make provision for the practice of teaching by its students in the various schools under their jurisdiction.

7. That applicants for admission to the Normal School department be required to make application to the Superintendent of Education at least one month before the commencement of term; and that in the admission of candidates the interests of all parts of the Province shall be carefully guarded.

8. That in order to be admitted to the Normal school the candidates must be, if males, eighteen; if females, sixteen years of age, and of good moral character; and possess literary qualifications corresponding to the requirements for promotion in standard IX of the programme of studies for use in cities and towns.

9. That all the classes of the city schools shall be open to the students of the Normal School, as the Inspector may determine, without payment of fees.

10. That the Superintendent of Education may require any of the students in training to do duty as occasional teachers, in supplying the places of such of the regular staff as may be temporarily absent.

11. That in addition to literary subjects which they are able to take, students shall receive instructions in the science of education and art of teaching, and in such other subjects as may from time to time be prescribed by the Protestant section of the Board of Education.

12. That students shall board in such places only as the Superintendent of Education may approve of, and they shall be under the supervision of a clergyman in pastoral charge in the city, whose certificate shall be a condition of graduation.

13. That at the close of the term the Superintendent of Education shall pay every successful candidate whose home is not in Winnipeg his actual travelling expenses incurred in travelling from his home in the province to Winnipeg and back again, together with \$2 per week for the Normal School term.

14. That every student shall declare his intention to teach for at least two years, as a condition of receiving a training in the Normal School Department.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON—CLOSE OF SESSION.

The proceedings in connection with the close of the late session of Queen's College took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26. A meeting of the University Council—for Queen's is a College with University powers—was held on Tuesday afternoon. This body consists of a Chancellor, the trustees, the members of Senate, and 33 graduates elected by the whole body of graduates. At this meeting the chair was filled by principal Grant, and there were present, besides him Hon. A. Morris, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Guelph; Rev. Dr. Bell, Walkerton; Rev. Dr. Jardine, Brockville; Rev. Dr. Smith, Kingston; Dr. McCammon, Dr. Saunders, Geo. M. McDonnell, M.A., John A. Moodie, B.A., Rev. Mr. Rogers, B.A., A. S. Drummond, B.A., LL.D., Dr. Fenwick, Rev. Mr. Carmichael, of King; Dr. Dupuis, and others.

After routine proceedings the following new members were introduced. John M. Machar, M.A.; A. T. Drummond, LL.B.; W. B. Curran, M. A., and A. B. McCallum, B.A.

It was agreed that the time of matriculation should be changed from October to June, and a committee was appointed to formulate a plan for working out the change one object being to have the examinations conducted at several local centres.

When the finances of the College came up for consideration Principal Grant stated that there had been for some years a deficit of \$100 per annum, that serious losses had been sustained which caused a diminution of income, and that additional equipment was absolutely necessary, at least two more professors being required. In all \$6,900 were needed in addition to the present revenue, and if the college was to be equipped as it should be, it would be necessary to raise that sum. There were four ways of getting out of the difficulty:—First, by eating into the capital; second, to raise \$120,000; third to be content with imperfect equipment; and fourth, to raise \$7000 per year for five years, which would give them a breathing spell. Ultimately a committee was appointed to consider the matter and bring it before the trustees.

A. P. Knight, M.A., was unanimously re-elected Registrar, and to fill the vacancies in the Council the following gentlemen were chosen:—A. McKillop, M. A., of Pembroke High School, James Bergir, M.A., of Sydenham High School, and Rev. J. B. Mullan, B. A., of Fergus.

PRINCIPAL GRANT'S LECTURE.

On Tuesday evening the Rev. Dr. Grant delivered a stirring public lecture, taking for his subject, "Our Political Duties." He took the ground that every man in order to be a good citizen must be a "politician," that is must endeavour to make the laws, the institutions, and the practice of the nation better. He may vote if he thinks it worth while, but he must do a great deal more if he is to do his whole duty. He should teach men what to vote for, he should set before them aims worthy of attainment, he should keep an ideal before his own eyes and the eyes of others. The first duty of the citizen to the state is to be loyal to the state, and true loyalty will be a safe regulating principle. Dr. Grant went on to describe Parliament as a kind of incarnation of the people's will and to put on record the very favourable opinion of the present Dominion Parliament he had formed during his intercourse with its members in connection with the Presbyterian Church Temporalities Bill. The