

Manual Training.

Two new members were added to the membership of the M. T. T. A. of N. S., at the special meeting held at Halifax, April 1st and 2nd. The membership is now 21, including, with one exception, all the mechanic science teachers of Nova Scotia in active work. Advantage was taken of the clause in the constitution in reference to honorary members to elect as such the following gentlemen: Supt. of Education A. H. MacKay, Supervisor Alex. McKay of the Halifax public schools, and Supervisor G. J. Miller of the Dartmouth schools.

The following resolution was adopted: "That this association approves of the idea of an exhibit from the manual training schools of the province at the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax, and that each teacher be urged to send an exhibit from his school or schools." A committee was appointed to arrange the details for the exhibit.

Principal McKeigan of the Whitney Pier school, Sydney, is conducting a very successful course in cardboard work.

The Boy's Club of Halifax have fitted up a room for manual training. Ten benches are included in the outfit. The undertaking is proving successful and is undoubtedly of great value to the boys of the club, who in most cases cannot avail themselves of the public manual training department. The classes are held in the evenings.

The industrial manual training department has just added five new benches to its equipment.

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Secretary M. T. T. A., of N. S.

This is a spelling device that I have found helpful in my second and third grades. The pupils have spelling blanks that cost three cents each, and every afternoon they write their spelling lessons. I procured a twelve yard roll of gummed picture binding, (red), for ten cents, from which I cut little stars. Each pupil having a perfect lesson is given a star to put on the page with the perfectly spelled words. The children study their spelling lessons very industriously and each one tries to get the greatest number of stars.—*Sel.*

The Use of Trees.

If there were no trees, our earth would be like a desert.

Our trees give us warm fires, for they furnish us with wood and coal.

If there were no trees, there would be no birds to sing to us.

The trees make the air pure, and without them the air would become unfit to breathe. We cannot live without pure air.

After a rain the leaves and roots of the trees hold the water for a long time; this keeps the earth moist, so that the springs are full, the streams are not dry, and the plants grow.

The roots of the trees travel about far beneath the surface, and absorb the richness that lies far underground. The roots send this richness up to the branches and leaves. Then when the leaves fall, this richness is now on the surface of the ground, making it richer.

Trees not only make the soil richer, but they help the farmer, and his crops are better for them, for birds make their homes among the trees that border on his fields. These birds will feed upon the insects that would injure his crops.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The Nova Scotia Normal School has a large enrolment of students this year, only exceeded by three other years in its history. There are 190 students in attendance, 30 of whom are young men. The following is the classified list: 15 A's; 79 B's; 57 C's; 32 D's; and 7 in mechanic science.

A St. Andrews, N. B., correspondent encloses a very interesting programme which has been carried out there during the winter months under the auspices of the Canadian Literature Club. Besides dealing with Canadian authors and their works, an evening was devoted to songs and folklore, another to the Canadian judiciary, and two others to local history. Our correspondent adds: "This course of reading is to many of us a revelation in Canadian literature."

Mr. Chester B. Martin, a distinguished graduate of the University of New Brunswick, is the winner of a Rhodes' Scholarship, valued at \$1,500 a year for a three years' course of study at Oxford. Mr. Martin is the first Rhodes scholar to be chosen in America. He has an excellent reputation as an all-round student, and will do honor to his alma mater from which he graduated in 1902. A worthy competitor for the much coveted honor of the scholarship was Mr. R. St. John Freeze, of the Rothesay Collegiate School, who graduated from the University of New Brunswick last year, taking high honors. The St. John High School, which prepared Mr. Martin for the University, and the Sussex Grammar School, where Mr. Freeze was trained, have reason to be proud, as well as the University, of sending out two such students.

Mr. Martin was chosen without the preliminary of an examination, none being required of students graduating from the University of New Brunswick, Dalhousie, McGill, and Toronto, as these are in affiliation with Oxford.

When it is reflected that at least twenty-four students from Canada will be in attendance at Oxford all the time,