

was followed by an illustrative lesson in grammar by Mr. Parsons. A general conversation ensued, in which reference was made to the preceding papers not already noted as discussed. Mr. Munro, of Annapolis county, disclosed his methods of teaching grammar. The Superintendent of Education spoke highly of the meritousness of Mr. Parsons' paper on "the Art of Teaching," and emphasized some of its points. The President thought that there were other important considerations besides making everything easy for the child. Mr. W. P. Shafner gave an outline lesson in "History." He warmly commended the diagraphic method. Messrs. Parsons, Pines, and Elliott followed with brief remarks. Mr. F. I. Kinsman, B.A., concluded the formal exercises of the Association with a vigorous arraignment of the system of Public School examinations as at present conducted. His views were partially endorsed by some, but were energetically combated by Mr. Elliott and others. Short closing addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Logan, the Superintendent of Education, and Professor Eaton. The next meeting of the Association is to be held at Windsor, Hants Co.

Egbert M. Chesley, Esq., A.M., has been appointed Principal of the Yarmouth Seminary.

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Halifax was held in the Legislative Assembly Room, Halifax, on the 22nd of September. The reports of Examiners in the Arts and Science courses were received. The business transacted was chiefly formal. Several notices of important motions to be brought forward at the annual meeting in December were given. In the afternoon of the same day, the public ceremony of conferring degrees and presenting prizes took place. At the termination of the ceremonial part of the programme, the Reverend Chancellor spoke encouragingly of the progress and prospects of the University, and dwelt at length and with great eloquence on the question of higher education in Nova Scotia. In response to calls, the Rev. Principal McKnight and Dr. Allison delivered brief addresses. The following are the Pass and Prize lists:—

FIRST B.A. EXAMINATION.

(Arranged in order of proficiency.)

First Division.—1. W. Morely Tweedy, Mount Allison College; 2. H. R. McKeown, do.; 3. John Harper, Private Study; 4. J. W. Webster, Mount Allison College; 5. Harriet S. Stewart, do. *Prizes*.—First Prize, W. Morely Tweedy, Second do., H. R. McKeown; Third do., John Harper; Fourth do., J. W. Webster.

B.A. EXAMINATIONS.

First Division.—S. Duncan Scott, Mount Allison College. *Prize*.—First Prize, not awarded; Second do., S. Duncan Scott.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

Pass List.—(Arranged in order of proficiency.) 1. Isaac Gammell, Pictou Academy; 2. N. T. Lynskey, St. Mary's College; 3. Ada L. Brownrigg, Pictou Academy; 4. Thomas Stewart, Private study; 5. Adams Archibald McKay, Pictou Academy; 6. John Howard McKay, Pictou Academy; 7. Alex. W. Duff, St. John N. B. Grammar School; 8. John McKay Baillie, Pictou Academy; 9. Charles Norman Jeffrey, Mount Allison Academy. The matriculation prizes were as follows. First, Chancellor's Gold Medal, Isaac Gammell; Second, N. T. Lynskey; Third, Ada L. Brownrigg.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board of Education has given all due consideration to the suggestions made by the Educational Institute through the Chief Superintendent with reference to the prescribed course of instruction, and has adopted substantially the amendments proposed. A revised edition of the Course has been published, to take effect November 1, 1880. There are no "sweeping changes": the curriculum as a whole remains as it was. The few slight improvements made, as the result of a year's experience, will render it still more acceptable to teachers.

Many teachers and school officers will be pleased to learn that a new and revised edition of the "Manual of the School Law and Regulations" is in course of publication, and will appear this autumn. The former edition was exhausted some time ago.

The "Educational Circular," No. 11, issued about the last of July, contains, in addition to the usual official notices, examination papers, etc., a valuable paper by James Fowler, M.A., late instructor in the Normal School. This paper embraces a large number of additions to the list of New Brunswick plants previously published, and also a dissertation on "The Advantages resulting from a Knowledge of the Flora of our Province." There is also an admirable article on "Teaching Reading in Public Schools," by E.

Melville Bell, F.E.I.S., well worthy of an attentive perusal by every teacher.

The closing exercises of the Provincial Normal School took place on Friday, the 17th of September, in the presence of the Chief Superintendent, the President of the University, and a number of other visitors. About six hours were devoted to the examination of classes, illustrative lessons by student-teachers, recitations, reading of essays, etc. At the close the Principal announced that the successful competitor for the Lorne Silver medal, awarded for highest professional standing, was Mr. Melvin L. Young, of Charlotte county.

Both Principal Crockett and Dr. Rand referred in feeling terms to the loss the institution was about to sustain in the removal of Mr. Fowler to another and a higher sphere of labor. They eulogized his scholarly attainments, and the character of the work he had done during his connection with the Normal School, and said he would carry with him the good-will of all who had known him in this Province.

It may be mentioned here that, on the day preceding his departure, at an informal meeting of the staff of instructors in the library of the Normal School, Mr. Fowler was agreeably surprised by the presentation of a handsome gold pen and pencil, as a token of esteem from his late colleagues. In a few well chosen words, Mr. Crockett expressed to him, on behalf of his fellow-teachers, the feelings of respect and of mingled pleasure and regret which prompted them to ask his acceptance of this gift. Mr. Fowler replied in appropriate terms.

The anticipated change in the length of the Normal School Sessions has been decided upon, and will take effect the coming winter. By an order of the Board of Education, made on the 30th of August last, section 1st of regulation 37, relating to the Provincial Normal School, is repealed, and the following provisions are substituted therefor:

1. There is to be but one session in each school year, beginning on the first Wednesday in November, and closing on the last Friday in July.

2. In order to qualify any candidate for examination for license of the third or second class, a full session's attendance at the Normal School will be required.

3. Until otherwise ordered, holders of provincial license of the second or first class, desiring to obtain further instruction (previous to examination for advance of class or otherwise), may be admitted on the first Wednesday in May.

4. Until otherwise ordered, applicants for admission to the French preparatory department shall be admitted on the first Wednesdays in November, February or May; licenses of the third class valid for a period of three years from the close of the school term in which they are granted, shall be issued at the close of each quarter to such students of the French department as shall be found qualified to receive the same. Such license shall also admit the holder to enrolment without examination as a regular student of the Normal School.

The fall term of the Provincial University opened September 16th, with the usual gathering of students and friends of the college. Words of welcome to the undergraduates and of hopefulness in reference to the year's work were spoken by Dr. Jack, Dr. Harrison and Prof. Rivet. During the vacation, extensive repairs and improvements have been made in and about the college premises.

No less than nine of the graduates of 1880 were among the candidates for Grammar School License at the recent examination, the most of whom attended professional classes at the Normal School for some weeks previously. At least two of these have already been appointed to good positions,—Mr. A. W. Wilkinson to the Principalship of the St. Andrew's Grammar School, and Mr. J. W. McCready, to the charge of the schools at St. Mary's (in the large new building recently erected).

At the examination for license, held at Fredericton on the 21st of September and following days, there were 134 candidates, divided as follows:

	M.	F.	Total.
Grammar School	10	0	10
First Class	8	4	12
Second Class	38	58	91
Third Class	4	17	21
	55	79	134

The Normal School classes furnished 113 of the number. In addition to these, about twenty were examined at St. John and