

violinist, and one of the piano teachers, are not to return, but the main piano and vocal work will be continued in charge of the same persons as during the last year.

In connection with its music Mount Allison is well and favorably known. It deserves no less fame for its art under Prof. Hammond and his two assistants. Year by year the art building is becoming the centre of greater interest, and all are pleased to find the contents of the building worthy of its striking exterior. In addition to the usual lines of art instruction, there is a department for china painting under the supervision of Miss Ogden, who is an expert at this kind of work. In Prof. Hammond's studio, were exhibited some of his characteristic studies,—Bay of Fundy scenes, and bits of marsh landscape,—and also a large picture of Nelson, B. C., with splendid atmospheric effects on the hills and snow-clad peaks. This last picture is to be part of an exhibit in London, Eng., under the management of the C. P. R.

The university closed its year with a graduating class of twenty-two,—eighteen young men and four young women. They represented all the Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland, Ontario, and the United States. The leader of the class was a young lady who had taken a full honor course in mathematics. One young man had also completed the same course; three had taken honor courses in English, three in science, and two in philosophy. This class was, therefore, a good one in point of scholarship, since these courses represent a large amount of additional work in the respective subjects, not merely in extra standing. This may be understood from the fact that no student has yet been able to take an honor course in more than one subject in addition to his ordinary work. The good result is felt of the remodelling of the entire curriculum, which took place a few years ago. Now, after the sophomore year, many more optional courses are provided, so that students may, without taking an honor course, pursue extended courses in various subjects,—Latin, Greek, English, mathematics, science,—continuing through all their years in college.

The facilities for work in the university have much increased in recent years. The new residence has tended toward the promotion of good manners and decorum, as well as of good health. The library has received some valuable gifts and now affords good chances for the wider reading and study which a university should foster. The herbarium of the late Professor Lawson, which was purchased by private subscription, is a valuable addition to the scientific outfit. During the coming year some new plans will be adopted in regard to the delivery of

the "Seniors' Orations." The successive classes from Mt. Allison go to a considerable degree into professions such as the church and the law, for which the power of public speaking is necessary. It is noticeable, and perhaps a source of weakness to the university, that so few take up the profession of teaching in connection with the public schools. Of the present large class possibly only one will go into this work, and then not as a permanency.

The record of Mt. Allison for the year would not be complete without allusion to the beginning of the park in connection with the ladies' college, and the new university athletic grounds. The former will ultimately beautify the tract of land below the circular hedge. Already a cinder bicycle track, for the young ladies, makes a circuit of the grounds. The new university athletic field is at the front of the new residence, the upper side of it being in line with the further end of the building. The levelling, begun last autumn and resumed early this spring, was completed only by the first of June. It has employed a large number of men and horses, and will cost over a thousand dollars. The result will, however, be an admirable field, most convenient in position, level and of full size; it will also be an ornamental lawn stretching away beautifully green in view from the students' windows. We wish that every school-boy could see this field—the last, but, from the students' point of view, by no means the least important, addition to the equipment at Mt. Allison.

#### **Teachers' Institute of Annapolis and Digby Counties.**

The annual meeting of the Teachers' Institute for Inspector Morse's district, Annapolis and Digby Counties, was held on Thursday and Friday, the 25th and 26th of May, at Weymouth, a picturesque spot. As many as eighty-three teachers enrolled, and besides these, many interested in matters educational were present at all the sessions. The large attendance and the high character of the work done bear testimony to Inspector Morse's energy and enthusiasm. The fine weather and the beauties with which Weymouth has been endowed by nature, contributed much towards repaying the teachers for the extra work which the success of the meeting involved.

The proceedings began on Thursday morning at about 9.30. After a little preliminary work, Principal Harlow, of Weymouth, read a very interesting and carefully prepared paper on Teachers' Salaries. He showed by quoting statistics that our teachers are paid less than in any other country and in any other province except Quebec. He pointed out that higher salar-