

Art. 1.—This association shall be called the West Hants Local Association of Teachers, in connection with the Educational Association of Nova Scotia.

Art. 5.—Every member shall pay, in advance, a yearly subscription of 25 cents—Ladies exempted.

Art. 7.—The Association shall meet at least three times a year, the time of meeting to be determined by the general meeting from time to time. The committee shall have power to call special meetings.

Resolved.—That the present Chairman and Secretary be retained in office for the ensuing year.

Resolved.—That Mr. Fisk, Miss Martin, Miss Willoughby, and Miss Shaw be a Committee.

Resolved.—That some of the teachers present prepare papers on different subjects to be read before the Association at the next meeting.—Mr. Morris volunteered to read a paper on the "Use of the Blackboard," Mr. Fisk on "School Discipline," and Miss Willoughby on the "Benefit of Music in School."

Resolved.—That the next meeting be held on the last Friday in August, commencing at 10 A. M.

The members were formally enrolled, and the meeting adjourned.
S. E. WINSTON, Secretary.

MAHONE BAY SCHOOLS.—On Friday, April 26th, the scholars of the above school, which for the last four months and a half has been under the charge of Mr. J. W. Knight and Miss Maggie Ross, passed through an examination, and in the evening entertained their parents and the public with an exhibition. The state of the school when Mr. Knight and Miss Ross entered upon their duties was such, that the progress made during this short term shows that they must have labored very diligently, and certainly not without success, and such success as should encourage them and those whose children they have taught. The trustees, parents and visitors who were present during the examination, were greatly pleased with the results.

In the evening Victoria Hall was crowded by an attentive audience, who listened with considerable interest to the dialogues and recitations, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Henry Mader presided at the melodeon. Many of the pieces were highly instructive and amusing, and the whole of the entertainment was most interesting.

Mr. Knight and Miss Ross are first-class teachers and our friends at Mahone Bay may consider themselves fortunate in securing the services of such competent instructors for their children.—*Bridgewater Times.*

The second meeting of the Pictou County Teachers' Institute, is to be held in Pictou town on Saturday, June 29th.

DUNBY CO.—Some eight new schools go into operation this term. The work of school building is also making satisfactory progress. The schools are doing a great work. Education is advancing throughout the county.

LUNENBURG CO.—W. B. Lawson, Esq., reports: "Educational matters in this county have visibly improved during the past term, and the schools in operation, as a whole, have been doing good work. The improvement made within the last twelve months is greater than the most sanguine could have anticipated. Several new houses are now being erected, others are being repaired and some enlarged. But very few of the old huts remain to disgrace the name of schoolhouse."

In New Dublin there are four new houses building besides the one on La Have Island, and five in Lunenburg. Several new houses are in contemplation in Chester, but the tightness in money matters has operated as a serious drawback.

During the past term, I have visited every school, except two, in operation in this county. The two unvisited could not be reached on account of the state of the roads. I have visited some schools twice, others thrice, and have held twenty-five meetings. Hundreds of miles have been travelled over bad roads, and in boisterous weather.

Teachers are still in demand and several are coming in from other counties. The people generally are beginning to take that interest in the welfare of their schools which is absolutely necessary to their healthy existence.

I am pleased to state that a school is in operation on the island of Tanook. There are about 100 families on the island. It is to be hoped that a graded school will ere long be provided by the people. A new building is contemplated. Mr. Albert Pearl, one of the Trustees, has made strenuous exertions to secure the means of education for the whole island. Other residents have also nobly seconded the work."

QUEEN'S CO.—The Inspector writes: "On the whole the schools are prospering. So far as I have learned there is the same number in session as last term. Others are intending to open soon. Several fine school houses are in progress."

MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE AND ACADEMIES.—The following account of the Anniversary Exercises in connexion with the

institutions at Sackville, is condensed from the *Provincial Wesleyan*,—

On Thursday the 16th inst., the examination of the College classes began, and was by means of written and oral exercises continued during that and the following day. The results were found to be satisfactory, and peculiarly so in the case of the senior students. The Natural Sciences were, as always, well discussed. Classical and Modern Languages, and International Law, were carefully reviewed. Mental Philosophy and the Evidences of Christianity were attentively analyzed. Thorough had been the labours of the Professors; creditable were the attainments of the young gentlemen, and in those classes to which they were admitted, the young ladies. Saturday forenoon was devoted to the classes under the charge of the Theological Professor.

On the evening of the Lord's day, the Rev. J. R. Narraway, A.M., delivered the Anniversary Sermon in Lingley Hall. The audience was large and appreciative.

Monday was the day appointed for the examination of the various classes in both the Male and Female Departments of the Academic Institution. In the case of the former, unforeseen difficulties had, during the term, somewhat interfered with the arrangements of the work, yet the progress made by the pupils was, on the whole, gratifying, and induces the persuasion that when the new building is opened, the success of former years will be again realized and even surpassed.

In the Young Ladies' Department, commendable results marked the classes generally. The more useful branches of study appeared to have received due attention; and the more advanced had been cultivated with equal assiduity. By means of the study of the structure of languages—both ancient and modern,—the principles of Mental Philosophy, the demonstrations of the Mathematics, and the facts of Physiology, Botany, and Physical Geography, it was evident that the Teachers had sought to stimulate and develop the reasoning faculties, and in connection with Christian influence, to prepare their youthful charge for the actual and active duties of life. The graduating class of this year consisted of young ladies who had performed their stipulated task with a will. All through their examination was exceedingly respectable; and we can but hope for them a long, a happy, and a successful career, in the great enterprise of human life.

The Rev. J. G. Angwin delivered the Oration before the Alumni Association. It was announced that the Alumni, in addition to providing a bell for the new Academy, had instituted two scholarships of the value of \$30 each, one in Classics and one in Mathematics.

Tuesday, the 21st inst., was the day appointed for the Anniversary Exercises. The President shortly addressed the large assemblage, gratefully acknowledging the mercies of the past year, and concluded by reading, in conjunction with Professors and Teachers, the report of class standings, &c. Mr. W. C. Cogswell was then called, who, in Latin, delivered a salutatory address. He was followed by Mr. R. W. Weddall with a Greek oration. Both young gentlemen acquitted themselves well, and were heartily cheered. After a selection of admirable music, both vocal and instrumental—and with which subsequently Prof. Brown and his pupils at stated intervals enlivened the proceedings—the young ladies of the graduating class read their compositions.

The young gentlemen who had passed through the prescribed course of study, and who were about to be admitted to the degree of B.A., now delivered their orations. The first was Mr. D. Henry Burbridge, who had chosen for his subject "1866." This sketch evinced considerable familiarity with the present state of the world, and was rendered with great vigor. The Rev. T. Rogers traced the history of "The Fourth Estate," and paid a high compliment to the power of the press. "Heroes unknown to Fame," were yet appreciated and eulogized by the Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, who, without being sermonic, displayed the evangelic power of a true minister of Christ. Mr. Thos. B. Flint, with his usual good taste and effective address, summoned "the Monumental Past," to instruct and admonish the present; and Mr. George W. Burbridge displayed in the Knights of "the Round Table," the germ of that refined chivalry which is not only an ornament but an element of the power of the present century. Had time permitted, Mr. Alfred D. Smith would have delivered an oration on "Grecian Tragedy," for which his fine talents and classical attainments would doubtless have given him a peculiar aptitude.

The Rev. Cranswick Jost, A.M., as Chairman of the Examining Committee, then briefly reported the result of the ordeal to which the graduating class had been subjected. He affirmed that after a minute inspection of the papers prepared in the inspection room, and the hearing of the class exercises, he and his associates were well assured of the proficiency of the candidates for the Baccalaureate degree. To the ability of the Professors, and to the diligence of the collegians this he regarded as alike creditable.

The ceremony of conferring the degrees was then proceeded with in the usual manner. First, the young ladies received from the hands of the President their Diploma as Mistress of Liberal Arts. Next Professor Allison led in the young gentlemen named above, and, in Latin, presented them to the President to be invested with the degree which they had earned. The investiture took place in the usual form, concluding "In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen." Immediately afterwards, Jas. R. Inch, and A. A. Stockton, Esqrs. were presented to the President that they might proceed from the degree of Bachelor, to that of Master of Arts. This ceremony was concluded, and then each of these gentlemen delivered his "Master's oration." Mr. Stockton chose "Utilitarianism, its lights and shades" as his theme. His address was comprehensive in its details, just in its principles, finely balanced in its discriminations, and though forceful, yet easy and ornate in style.—Mr. Inch had selected "Power" as his subject, and in a very finished essay dilated upon that mysterious but self-evident property. Matter and Mind, Reason and Revelation, the Finite and the Infinite were all appealed to for fact, for postulate, or for illustration. We could not but deplore that these productions were likely to be soon forgotten. They are far too good to be lost. Cannot the members of the Alumni Association secure their publication and lay the foundation for a repository of Mount Allison literature? With the delivery of these orations, the exercises of the day were brought to a termination.