

when successful, with a corresponding sense of satisfaction. It is invaluable as an impartial and auxiliary test of the thoroughness of the work of county academies, in addition to its numerous other uses, and notwithstanding the imperfections which attach to all possible examination systems.

And lastly, both the Provincial Normal School and the Provincial School of Agriculture affiliated to it, have continued to improve in the preparation of teachers suited to the needs of the province. They help to make clear that the form of education in the common schools best fitted to lay the foundation of a patriotic interest in the soil, industries and life of the province, is also the best for the foundation of the education of the future professional classes; and that the elementary stages of public school work might, therefore, be safely directed without exception towards the stimulation of an industrial bias, instead of solely directing the pupils towards that academic instruction, more particularly leading to the learned professions so-called.

To meet the wishes of employed teachers the Council of Public Instruction ordered the School of Agriculture to be kept in session during the summer holidays. No less than twenty-six teachers availed themselves of the advantages thus offered last summer. It will be seen that this institution is being utilized the whole year round, and that teachers are willing to sacrifice their holidays in improving their knowledge of the elements of industrial education. With a similar motive a large number of teachers attended at their own expense the Summer School of Science held in Yarmouth during the summer vacation.

GOOD MANNERS.

It is hoped that every school-room in the Province may be a centre from which good manners in the highest and fullest sense of the phrase may radiate. Good manners is the external phase of applied Christianity.

There can be no good manners, first, unless the bearing of the pupil shows that he feels he is respected for his worth, and, second, unless he shows that he respects others.

The duty of teachers to study this phase of public education and to develop it in their pupils is as "imperative" as the Arithmetic on the Course, and perhaps even more important.

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

With the advance of civilization comes fuller sympathy with each other. We become more considerate with respect to the feelings of pain in our fellows, and are disposed to make greater effort to alleviate distress wherever it may be found. This feeling, as it extends to man, extends also more and more to all sentient and innocuous life. And conversely, as it extends to the latter, it includes the former.