

Miss Ellen Freeman, of Nova Scotia, has been appointed Lady Principal of the Ladies' Department of Woodstock College.

The schools of Charlottetown, P.E.I., cost about \$17,000 per year. The school population of the city is estimated at about two thousand two hundred, of whom about two hundred are attending schools in the Royalty, four hundred the convent schools, thirty St. Peter's schools; and (according to the above statement) eleven hundred and sixty-four the city schools,—leaving about three hundred who are not in regular attendance at any school.

A sweet girl graduate of the Harvard Annex, this year, showed a higher percentage in the classics than any of the young men in the parent institution. The latter, however, find solace in pointing to Harvard's brilliant record in the various athletic contests of the year.

Two hundred and forty representative teachers from different parts of the Province were received at Government House yesterday afternoon. They admired the beautiful grounds, inhaled the fragrant perfume from the flowers in the conservatory, and inspected the rare paintings which adorn the walls of Government House. Dr. May conducted the party to the Zoo, where Ald. Piper was introduced and made a few remarks. They gazed upon the ferocious animals and took their leave of Mr. Piper after having a thoroughly enjoyable as well as profitable visit. These are teachers from High, Model, and Public Schools, who are taking a course of instruction in drawings.—*Toronto Globe of 23rd ult.*

There were present at the meetings at Newport from fifteen hundred to two thousand teachers. Only two or three meetings of the Institute, during the fifty-five years of its existence, have exceeded it in numbers. In quality, value, and real enjoyment, this meeting ranks high among all the meetings ever held. Several of the papers were of a very high order, and will have an important influence upon the future history of education in this country.—*N. E. Journal of Education.*

TRAINING INSTITUTES AND READERS.

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The Education Department has completed arrangements for the establishment of a Training Institution at Kingston and Hamilton, and accordingly announces that such institutes will be opened on September 8th for the purpose of qualifying graduates in Arts and holders of first-class non-professional certificates to be assistant masters in High Schools.

Heretofore a graduate of any university in Ontario was eligible to be appointed assistant master in a high school or collegiate institute. By the regulations of the Department respecting high schools a graduate in order to be qualified as an assistant master must now take his professional course at a training institute, and pass the examination prescribed.

By an Order in Council passed on the 22nd of September, 1882, it was provided that persons holding second-class Provincial certificates would not be eligible for appointment as assistant master in high schools. This order was suspended from year to year, but by a new regulation it is now confirmed. It is provided, however, that any teacher who on the 1st day of July, 1885, was employed as an assistant in a high school or collegiate institute, shall be deemed a legally qualified assistant for such high school, but for no other until he has passed the examination herein prescribed at a training institute.

Holders of a first-class non-professional certificate will also, hereafter, get their professional standing at a training institute. Provision will be made for allowing attendance at a Normal School and experience as a teacher in some cases to be taken in lieu of actual attendance. The final examination will, however, be obligatory.

Under the regulations of the Education Department Parts I and II and the 2nd book of the old Ontario Readers cease to be authorized for use in the Public Schools after the 1st of August. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th Readers may be used until the 1st of January, 1886, but no longer. The authorization of the Royal Readers and the Gage Readers also expires on the 1st of January, 1886. The new Ontario series, from the 1st to the 4th Reader inclusive, and the Tablet Lessons of Part I will be ready for the opening of the schools in August.

The regulations respecting Public and High Schools are being consolidated, and will be distributed along with the new School Acts about the middle of August.

QUEBEC.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Teachers' Institutes which were introduced into the Province of Quebec last year have done a great deal in promoting the interests of Protestant education in this Province. Our Normal School session has been shortened, and the Professors have been directed to hold Normal Institutes at local centres throughout the Province. The first Institute for the current year opened at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, on June 30th. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather ninety-three teachers came to take advantage of the lectures which were delivered by Dr. Robins, Dr. McGregor, and Rev. Elson I. Rexford. The best methods of teaching arithmetic, Grammar, Drawing, Singing, Language Lessons, and Scripture History, were discussed by the lecturers during the four days in which the Institutes were in session. The teachers present manifested great interest in the work of the Institute, and took an active part in the discussion. The Lord Bishop of Quebec, Dr. Heneker, and Mr. Masten, members of the Council of Public Instruction were present, and took part in the proceedings of the Institute. During the following week a similar meeting was held at Waterloo, which was attended by one hundred and fifteen teachers. The citizens of Waterloo extended hospitality to the members of the Institute, and the excellent arrangements made by the local committee did much to promote the success of the meeting. The third and last of these gatherings for the year is to be held at Orms-town. The success of these Normal Institutes is now established, and they will exercise a powerful influence in raising the efficiency of the teachers' work throughout the Province.

The Convocation of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, which took place June 25th, was an occasion of special interest. The approaching retirement of Dr. Lobby filled many hearts with regret, for it was generally felt that his removal marked a crisis in the history of the college. Great faith, however, is expressed in the new principal, the Rev. Mr. Adams, who takes charge of the college in September next. Honorary degrees were conferred upon the Bishop of Niagara, Bishop of Iowa, Robert Hamilton, Esq., and others. The Convocation was one of the most interesting and successful that has been held for several years.

The Closing Exercises of the more important schools of the Province were held as usual during the last days of June. The reports presented by the principals of the several schools show that good progress is being made by our superior institutions. Dr. Howe, the veteran head master of the High School, Montreal, in presenting his annual report took occasion to refer to the increasing distaste among parents and pupils for the study of Latin and Greek.

NOVA SCOTIA.

From our own Correspondent.

The closing exercises of the Provincial Normal School, Truro, were held on the 14th inst. The proceedings were witnessed with delighted interest by an unusually large gathering of spectators. Among others present outside of the Faculty and leading citizens of Truro may be mentioned, Sir Adams Archibald, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Provincial Secretary, Hon. J. W. Langley, Chief Superintendent of New Brunswick, Dr. Allison, Provincial Superintendent of Education, Supervisor McKay of Halifax and a large number of Inspectors and leading teachers of the Province gathered to attend the forthcoming session of the Provincial Educational Association. The programme of professional exercises was most successfully carried out as follows:

1. Examination of the students on the principles of teaching, by Miss Brodie, of Halifax, and Miss McQueen, of Pictou county.
2. Lessons on industrial drawing, conducted by Miss Cobb, of Yarmouth, and Miss Florence, of Halifax.
3. A lesson on physics, conducted by Mr. J. Fritz, of Annapolis county.
4. Lesson on the geography of Afghanistan, conducted by Miss Warner and Miss Moody, of Halifax.

These lessons were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by the students of the institution.

The Governor-General's medals were awarded as follows:—Silver, Miss Mosely, Halifax, Bronze, Miss Cunningham, Halifax.

The subject of the competing essays was announced to have been "The Educational Reformer Jacotot." The medals were presented by Sir Adam Archibald. The following statistics were presented by the Principal:—Total number of students enrolled during session, 225; obtained professional classification, 162; Grade Superior 9; Grade Good, 78; Grade Fair, 78. The pupil-teachers