

ing the advisability of allowing others than graduates of the University of New Brunswick to be nominated for this position.

On the suggestion of Miss Stella T. Payson, of St. John, a contribution from the members was taken for a teacher who, on account of age, was in rather straitened circumstances, but who was not qualified for the pension. The contribution amounted to \$129. The lady belongs to Inspector Meagher's district. Mr. Meagher and R. E. Estabrooks thanked the Institute and assured the members that the gift would be accepted as an appreciation of the members for one who, by ill health, is unable to continue in her profession.

The Montessori System of Primary Education was described and its main features explained by Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, St. John.

A paper on Civics, by Mr. R. B. Wallace, Chief Clerk of the Education Department, was read.

Premier Flemming and Provincial Secretary McLeod addressed the Institute on the last afternoon of the session, both of whom expressed their cordial interest in education and in those who were carrying it out. Hon. Mr. McLeod said that the government had recently added \$65,000 to the expenditure for education, and would increase the grant when the resources of the province justified it.

The following were elected members of the textbook committee: Dr. H. S. Bridges, H. H. Hagerman, G. J. Oulton, Effie Barlow, Alice M. Hea and Dr. H. V. B. Bridges.

Summer School of Science

The twenty-sixth session of the Summer School is now over, but not its influence; the enthusiasm engendered this year was more marked than at previous sessions.

The situation of the school was pleasing alike to the students of the three provinces. Yarmouth gave to them a hearty welcome. The cordial reception given at the first meeting was an index of what followed; special Sunday services in decorated churches, receptions and various smaller social affairs.

This school has a splendid staff of officers and instructors, and to their teaching ability and personalities is due the large class attendance.

Botany is coming more to the front each year, and during the time that Mr. DeWolfe was the instructor, its popularity was constantly on the

increase. The large class of 175 this year was a testimony that the teaching of Mr. DeWolfe had gone abroad in the land. The presentation of the subject by Mr. Guiford B. Reed, B. Sc., was not along the former lines but seemed none the less popular. The force exhibited by the growing plants occupied much time, and very interesting experiments with apparatus that any teacher could make, proved the truth of the statements made in the class. Drawings quickly done, illustrated all parts of the lectures, though Mr. Reed frankly confessed not to have been a pupil of Prof. Hagerman. Mounting of plants was an important feature of this year's work.

Field and laboratory work in Geology, Zoology, Botany and Agriculture, taught observation and made the work agreeable as well as profitable.

In Chemistry, Physics and Physiology, laboratory work has been followed with the keenest interest.

Literature came next to Botany in the size of the class, but not less in interest. President Starratt said that in three weeks he "could not teach literature but only an appreciation of it." The music and rhythm of Chaucer has begun to sink into the consciousness of the students; and a very thoughtful class found that "Maud" was not "a horrible poem," but one of beauty and rare sweetness even though "The red-ribb'd ledges drip with a silent horror of blood."

Book II of "Palgrave's Golden Treasury" (omitting Milton) and "As You Like It," occupied not only an hour a day in class, but many hours out of class. A number of Yarmouth ladies, members of the Kritosophian Society belonged to this class.

All the other classes registered below one hundred, but were well filled. With drill still being taught very few could take more than three additional subjects. Enthusiastic reports have come in from each class showing the kind of teaching that had been given.

The high reputation of the school has been kept up in the evening lectures. Mr. Howard H. Cleaves, N. Y., and Mr. E. Chesley Allen, Yarmouth, have created in some cases, and in others fanned to a flame, an interest in Birds. Dr. G. U. Hay and Dr. A. Marshall Perrin, Boston, carried their listeners, in imagination, to England and Africa. Some future session of Summer School will miss some of this year's students for these lectures have created in many "a travelling mania."