

Riverside, on Discipline; on Teaching, by Wm. M. Burns, of Hillsboro; on Free Text Books, by L. R. Hetherington, of Hopewell Cape; on the Teaching of Latin, by T. E. Colpitts, of Alma; on Teachers' Unions and Salaries, by E. A. Coleman; and a lesson on Spiders, by Miss Mary A. Smith. A committee was appointed to take measures for the formation of a teachers' union, and the institute approved of the principle of free text books. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Thos. E. Colpitts, President; Miss Edna M. Floyd, Vice-President; Wm. M. Burns, Secretary. Additional members of Executive, Miss A. Grace McGorman, Miss Bessie Horsman.

An interesting and largely attended public meeting was held on Thursday evening, at which addresses were given by several clergymen.

VICTORIA COUNTY, N. B., INSTITUTE.

About twenty-five teachers attended the Victoria County Institute, which was held at Andover on the 25th and 26th September. Mr. John Brittain, of the Normal School, was present and gave an interesting outline of the MacDonald schools to be established in the Atlantic Provinces. Mr. Brittain also conducted an outing for the study of Natural Science, which proved very profitable for the teachers. Papers were read at the different sessions—on Practical Arithmetic, by Thos. Rogers; on the Beautifying of School Premises, by Inspector Meagher; on Manual Training, by Miss Iva Baxter; on Busy Work, by Miss Maud Waldron; on Patriotism in our Schools, by Mr. McVain. A lesson on the Robin was given to Standard III by Miss Bessie Scott. All the papers were followed by interesting discussions. Mr. Brittain added greatly to the value of the institute by his practical suggestions. Afterwards he met the school trustees and gained their approval to make Andover one of the group of rural schools to be established by Sir Wm. MacDonald and Prof. Robertson.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Westmorland County Teachers' Institute met at Port Elgin on Thursday and Friday, September 25th and 26th, Miss Ella Copp, Vice-president, in the chair. About ninety teachers were in attendance, and the people of Port Elgin gave the visiting teachers a cordial welcome. Papers were read as follows: Is the Teaching of Latin Practical? by Mr. G. Fred McNally, A. B.; on School Organization, by Miss Janet Reade; on Canadian History, by Miss Ella McCormick; on Nature Lessons in Grade V, Miscellaneous Schools, by Miss Bessie Oulton; on Reading, by Miss Louise Prescott. The public meeting on Thursday evening was addressed by speakers from the ranks of the teachers present. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, H. B. Steeves, Moncton; Vice-president, Miss H. Ramsay, Sackville; Secretary-treasurer, S. W. Irons, Moncton. Ad-

ditional members of the executive, H. Burns, Petitcodiac; M. J. Wallace, Salisbury; and Miss Mary McLeod, Sackville.

P. E. ISLAND TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the teachers of P. E. Island began on Wednesday, September 24th, Principal R. H. Campbell, of Summerside, presiding and delivering an appropriate and suggestive address. Dr. A. H. MacKay, Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, was present and took an active part in the discussions, besides delivering addresses at the opening and at the evening public meeting. Dr. Anderson, Superintendent of Education, gave the institute the benefit of his wide experience as a teacher, and his addresses were suggestive, directly touching upon an increase of teachers' salaries, to which end he has been actively devoting himself since he assumed the superintendency. Other subjects that came up for discussion were Centralization of Schools, Manual Training, in both of which there is much interest felt on the Island.

The following papers were read and discussed: By Mr. A. D. McArthur, on Crowding the Curriculum; by Supervisor Stewart, of Charlottetown, on English Grammar, in which he contended that the text-book teaching of grammar is practically useless; by Prof. Watts, on Music; by Mr. John McSwain, an object lesson on Ferns; by Principal W. R. Campbell, of Truro, an address on Domestic Science; by Miss Eva Reagh, a paper on Discipline. Resolutions were adopted asking the government to provide for the teaching of Domestic Science, and to make a grant to the Summer School of Science. The following officers were elected: President, W. J. McMillan; Vice-Presidents, W. V. Newson, C. W. Walker, and Fenton Aitken; Secretary-treasurer, John W. Young.

The Kind Old Oak.

It was almost time for winter to come. The song-birds had all gone far away, for they were afraid of the cold. There was no green grass in the fields, and there were no pretty flowers in the gardens. Many of the trees had dropped all their leaves. Cold winter, with its snow and ice, was coming. At the foot of an old oak tree some little violet plants were nestling. "Dear old oak," said they, "winter is coming, we are afraid that we shall die of the cold."

"Do not be afraid, little ones," said the oak, "close your eyes in sleep, and trust to me. You have made me glad many a time with your sweet blossoms. Now I will take care that the winter shall do you no harm."

So the violets cuddled down and went to sleep; they were sure that they could trust the kind, old oak. And the great tree softly dropped leaf after leaf upon them, until they were all covered over.

The cold winter came, with its snow and ice, but it could not harm the violet plants. Safe under the friendly leaves of the old oak, they slept and dreamed happy dreams until the warm rains of spring came and waked them up again.—Selected from "Little Flower Folks."