

Miss Ida M. Creighton.



Miss Ida M. Creighton, Principal Compton Avenue School, is a native of Halifax, where she received the greater part of her education. Having decided to follow teaching as a profession, she considered it to be her duty to enter upon her work as well prepared for it as possible. Consequently she took a normal school course at Truro, where she was very successful. And ever since then she has availed herself of every means for professional improvement.

For some time she taught in Albro street school, but when Agricola street school was opened she was made principal. When that school was enlarged and re-organized as Compton Avenue school she was still continued in charge of it.

In her work as principal she is methodical and helpful to her associates,—conscientious in holding teachers' meetings and looking after the interests of every department,—fully conscious of the fact that all that she can do in that way is necessary for the highest results in her own department.

In her own class-room she is almost idolized by her pupils, to whom she makes school to be much more than a drill in the course of study. She finds time not only to give a thorough drill in the three R's, but also to awaken an interest in science by the most delightful nature lessons, to establish the health of her pupils by physical exercise and a study of hygiene, and to keep abreast of the times by talks, systematically, on current events. Long before her pupils leave school they are eager helpers of every good work that tends to the amelioration of society. If from every school-room in the dominion there emanated such moral forces and abiding enthusiasm for temperance and other reforms, ten years would see the liquor traffic an impossibility, and many other evils abolished. Any bright girl who has been two years with Miss Creighton has gained, besides a thorough common school education, a lasting inspiration to do good to those around her wherever she goes. This is the highest possible praise for any teacher, and to be deserving of it should be the highest ambition of every one who holds the sacred office.

Miss Grace Orr.



For nearly nine years Miss Grace Orr has conducted with great success a kindergarten and primary department in the Victoria School, St. John. Under many difficulties and with discouragements that would have baffled less resolute minds, Miss Orr has been able to bring the principles of the kindergarten, with the gift lessons, occupations, plays and songs into a public primary school. The experiment has been watched with great interest not only in St. John, but elsewhere in the province, and many teachers who have visited the school and watched the work have been stimulated to study the principles of the kindergarten and apply them in their own schools.

With excellent judgment and tact in the management of children, and a ready sympathy with their nature, Miss Orr combines a charm and dignity of manner, with an earnestness of purpose, that has caused her to see many of her ideals accomplished. She deserves and holds a high place in the esteem of parents and the school board of St. John for the excellent work she has accomplished in her school, special mention of which has recently been made by the Chief Superintendent of Education.

Miss Orr received special kindergarten instruction from Miss Woodcock in Truro before beginning kindergarten work in St. John. This she has supplemented by diligent private study and by a further course of instruction in New York. A part of her early education was obtained at a high school in New York city, and she holds a first-class license from the Board of Education of New Brunswick with high marks.

It is hoped that what Miss Orr has accomplished in