

large audience, filling the Assembly Hall. Mr. Creed, of the Normal School, read a paper on "The Value of Pictorial Illustrations in School Instruction," which was followed by an exhibition of a variety of views projected by the stereopticon. Mr. John Babbitt managed the instrument, and Mr. Creed explained the views, thus closing the Institute with a most pleasing and instructive entertainment.

The Executive Committee submitted a series of resolutions, of which the most important were the following:—

"That this Institute recommends teachers to bring before their Trustees the importance of having bound for permanent preservation the copies of the Educational Circulars which have been furnished by the Board of Education."

"That it recommend to teachers the observance of Regulation 23, relating to school visitations and to county institutes, and would urge the importance of every teacher becoming a member of this Institute."

"That it expressed its approval of the provisions made by the Legislature at its last session relative to inspection, and earnestly to express the hope that the Board of Education will not commission any persons to officially determine the quality of school work or the standing of the schools who have not had enlarged practical acquaintance with the profession."

"That this Institute earnestly affirms the vital importance of the efficient work of the elementary schools, of the proper maintenance of existing high schools, and re-affirms its resolution of last year recommending the early adoption of the suggestions of the Chief Superintendent as contained in its published reports relative to secondary education."

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The officers of the Educational Institute are as follows:—President, T. H. Rand, M.A., D.C.L., Chief Superintendent of Education, *ex-officio*; Secretary, H. C. Creed, M.A.; Assist. Secretary and Treasurer, G. U. Hay, Esq. Executive Committee—(1) *Ex-officio* Members: W. Brydone Jack, D.C.L., President of the University; William Crocket, M.A., Principal of the Normal School; Prof. Thomas Harrison LL.D., Prof. Loring, W. Bailey, Ph.D., and Prof. G. E. Foster, B.A. (2) Elected Members: G. U. Hay, J. A. Freeze, B.A., D. McIntyre, R. M. Raymond, B.A., G. W. Mersereau, M.A., and John Lawson.

The Restigouche County Institute held its third annual meeting at Armstrong's Brook on the 4th and 5th of September. Rev. Mr. Nicholson, the painstaking Inspector, occupied the chair. Nearly all the schools in the County were represented, and the proceedings were of a very gratifying character. The district school, in charge of Mr. J. G. Noble, being in session, by previous arrangement, advantage was taken of its classes in the way of illustrative lessons before the Institute. Lessons in reading were given by Mr. Noble, Miss C. Doyle and Miss Lizzie A. McNair; in grammar by Mr. McLearn; in chemistry by the Inspector, in mental arithmetic by Mr. John Lawson; and an object lesson by Miss Mary McMillan. There were also papers and addresses by Mr. A. Ross, B.A., on "How to teach Geology;" by Inspector Nicholson on Astronomy; by Miss Doyle on Map Drawing; by Mr. E. Carney on "Composition in Schools," and an essay on "Recreation for Teachers," by Mr. John Lawson. The election of officers and Committee resulted as follows.—Inspector Nicholson, President; A. Ross, B.A., Vice-President; A. G. Noble, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss C. Doyle and Miss Mary McMillan, additional members of Committee of Management.

The Kings County Teachers' Institute met at Sussex on the 11th and 12th of September, with a large attendance of teachers. Being unable to secure the services of any of the educational staff at Fredericton at that season, the Executive Committee had engaged Prof. Burwash, of Mount Allison College, to give instruction in Reading, and Mrs. Allen, of St. John, to give lessons in Drawing. These formed an important part of the work of the Institute. Papers on various subjects were read by Messrs. J. R. Mace, Eldon Mullin and W. C. Burnham. The Officers and Committee were elected as follows.—O. P. Wetmore, Esq., President; Mr. F. H. Hayes, Vice-President; Mr. Wm. E. Horbrook, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Alice Lawson and Miss Jennie E. Murray.

The Teachers' Institutes for Northumberland and Albert Counties were advertised to meet on the 2nd and 3rd October, the former at Newcastle and the latter at Hillsboro'. Dr. Rand was to be at the latter place and Principal Crocket at the former.

In view of the provision of the Law by which section 13, relating to Inspection, will become operative on the 1st of November next, it is expected that new Inspectors will be at once appointed. Courses

of instruction adapted to the requirements of the various classes of graded and ungraded schools will in all probability be prescribed at the same time.

At the semi-annual examinations of candidates for licence, held on the 16th of September and following days, one hundred and twenty-seven persons presented themselves. One hundred and sixty of these were examined at Fredericton, and the remainder at St. John and Chatham. They worked for the respective classes as follows: 13 for the Grammar School Licence (including L. B.A.'s), 15 for first class, 113 for second class, and 36 for third class.

REV. CHARLES G. COSTER, PH.D.—We regret much to learn that the death of this much esteemed gentleman is reported at Newark, N.J., Sept. 2nd. It having occurred on his way back to St. John from New York, to which place he had gone for medical treatment, the full particulars have not reached us. Dr. Coster, who was a clergyman of the Church of England, was formerly teacher of classics at the Collegiate School, Fredericton. He subsequently became classical master and afterwards Principal of the Grammar School in this city, in which he was extremely successful, performing his duties with great zeal. Indeed, he worked too hard and took too little recreation. For some time past Dr. Coster has been in ill-health. Lately he had a vacation given to him by the Directors of the Grammar School, by the approval of the St. John School Trustees. In private and social life Dr. Coster was one of the most amiable of men. He was a sincere friend and high-toned gentleman, as well as a most accomplished scholar. We deeply sympathize with his family in their sad bereavement.

Another gentleman connected with the school service of St. John died last month, namely, James H. Moran, Esq., of the St. John Board of Trustees. He was appointed to the position by the Governor-in-Council in 1878.

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At the semi-annual examination of teachers for the Protestant schools of the province, which commenced on 12th ult., there were three candidates for first class certificates, fourteen for second, and twenty-seven for third, and the total number of successful candidates in all three classes was forty-one.

An examination of teachers in connection with the Roman Catholic section of the Board of Education took place on the same day, the examiners being Rev. Dr. Lavoie and Mr. E. W. Jarvis.

The public schools throughout the province have re-opened after the summer vacation. Miss Torah has received the appointment of teacher in the North Ward school, Winnipeg, rendered vacant in consequence of Miss Hinsel's withdrawal from the profession.

There was a quarterly meeting of the Board of Education on 4th Sept., but the business was of a formal nature.

The annual meeting of Convocation was held on the 4th ult. The Chancellor (the Bishop of Rupert's Land) occupied the chair, and Mr. E. W. Jarvis, Registrar, acted as Secretary. The following members of Council were present, viz.: The Chancellor, the Archbishop of St. Boniface, the Registrar, Archdeacon Cowley, Revs. John Black, D.D., Professors Hart and Bryce, Canons Grisdale and O'Meara, Rev. Messrs. Cherrier, Pinkham, Dugast, Robertson, Fortier, S. P. Matheson and Dr. Lavoie; Hon. J. Dubuc, M.P., Dr. Cowan and J. A. N. Provancher, and the following delegates, viz.: J. O'Reilly, W. B. Thibadeau, Dr. O'Donnell, R. Bourne, Hon. S. C. Biggs, Rev. E. Morrow and J. M. McDonnell. Convocation is entitled to elect annually three graduates to represent it on the Council of the University. The election was by ballot, Hon. S. C. Biggs and Prof. Bryce being scrutineers, and resulted in the re-election of the three gentlemen who have represented it from the first, viz.: W. Cowan, M.D.; J. F. Bain, B.A., and Mr. J. F. German, M.A. At the quarterly meeting of the Council held subsequently the Hon. Joseph Royal, LL.D., M.P.P., was unanimously re-elected Vice Chancellor. Reports from the various colleges were presented, giving the names of the representatives elected to serve on the Board of studies as follows: St. John's—the Bishop of Rupert's Land and Canon O'Meara; St. Boniface—Rev. Dr. Lavoie and Mr. Forget; Manitoba—Professors Bryce and Hart. The Council then elected as its representatives on the Board, Rev. J. F. German and Mr. J. F. Bain. The amendments to the Statute which had been prepared in order to be submitted at the last meeting of the Legislature were remitted to the Committee on Legislation in order to receive further consideration. A resolution was adopted instructing the committee charged with the question of the affiliation of the Trinity Medical