

Keith, J. W. Howe, W. N. Biggar, Mrs. Cox, Miss Duke, D. J. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Croker, D. W. Hamilton, Miss Annie Darling, Miss M. A. Stewart, G. T. Morton, Miss W. A. Toole, Miss Maggie Smith, Miss Horsman, Miss Crawford, Miss Briggs, and others. Mr. J. Brittain, science master of the Normal School, was present and took an active part in several of the discussions. He also gave an excellent address on "Plants and their Ways," and led a field excursion on Thursday afternoon. Mr. W. N. Biggar had on exhibition 120 specimens of mounted plants, which were examined with great interest. They had been collected and mounted by his pupils.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Howard Keith; Vice-president, Miss Annie Briggs; Secretary-treasurer, W. N. Biggar. Additional members of the executive, Laura Horsman and T. E. Morton.

ALBERT COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Albert County Institute was held at Albert on the 27th and 28th September, President A. C. M. Lawson in the chair. About fifty teachers enrolled. A reading lesson was given to a class of grade one pupils by Miss Marian Atkinson. The lesson was discussed by Misses H. Atkinson, Hoar, Bennet and others. Extracts from Dr. Fitch's lecture on Discipline were read by Principal T. E. Colpitts, A. B., followed by a discussion, taken part in by Inspector Steeves, A. A. Allen, B. P. Steeves, W. C. Jonah, H. J. McLatchy, Miss Bennett, Miss Daly and others. A natural history excursion was conducted by the president to Forest Dale Hill, from which a fine view of the surrounding country was obtained.

The other papers and lessons at the sessions on Friday were: School Etiquette, by Prin. B. P. Steeves, of the Elgin Superior School; A Lesson on Grammar to a class of grade three pupils, by A. A. Allen; A paper on School Government, by W. C. Jonah; and an address on Nature Study and Book Study, by Inspector Steeves. The discussions which followed were taken part in by many members of the Institute.

The public meeting on Tuesday evening in Oulton Hall was addressed by his honor the Lieut. Governor, Inspector Steeves, Prof. Rhodes, and the clergymen of the town. The following officers were elected:—T. E. Colpitts, A. B., president; Miss Mary E. Allen, vice-president; A. D. Jonah, secretary-treasurer; W. C. Jonah, Miss E. Bennett, Miss M. Atkinson, additional members of the executive. The next session of the Institute will be held at Hopewell Cape on the first Thursday and Friday in June, 1900.

[A report of the Victoria, N. B., Institute, held on the 27th and 28th September, and that of Kent County Institute on the 4th and 5th October, are held over for next month.]

College Openings.

The Dalhousie session for law and medicine opened early in September. The Arts men began work about ten days later. The registration to date (Sept. 28th) shows that 118 have entered the different faculties of the University for the first time. The Arts Faculty claims 75, the Medical 26, the Law 13 and the Science 34. The registration is by no means complete. Last year about 40 were registered after the corresponding date. Consequently this year the new-comers are expected to number about 125.

A larger number of ladies than usual have enrolled for the first time. In the Arts Faculty 25 have appeared; in the Medical 5, and in Science 1. Another has also appeared at classes in the Law Faculty, although her name does not appear on the register. In fact the new-comers are in the majority so far as the register shows. In medicine new and old each number 5, and science 1 each. In arts there are 25 new-comers to 21 who were at college before. This, however, does not represent things as they are, for quite a number—at least 5 or 6—of last year's lady students are now attending classes, though not enrolled.

Every year the number dropping out for a year or two is increasing. This year eight who have taken one or more years off have returned. One has served in the South African war. (These eight have not been included in the 118 new-comers).

A gratifying increase in the number of graduates in arts and science who enter law and medicine is noticeable. Fully one quarter of the first year were in medicine, and about one half of those in law are graduates of some university.

Dr. Halleday, lecturer on Zoology, has gone to Scotland for the winter. A re-arrangement of the classes in Botany and Zoology has been made. Mr. L. Moore, late of Pictou Academy, is acting lecturer on Botany. Mr. Macneill is assisting the Professor of Mathematics. Professor Macdonald is now entering his 38th session.

THE University of New Brunswick opens with a full hundred students of whom forty-five came this year for the first time. Twenty-two undergraduates hold either first-class or superior provincial school licenses; twenty-two are young women; twenty-one are engineering students; twenty-five are from the counties of St. John and Kings. The outlook is very encouraging. This is the largest Freshman Class in the history of the University. The new Science building is approaching completion and will be ready for occupancy in a few months.

Acadia College opened on the 3rd of October with prospects for a good year. The Freshman Class is slightly smaller than usual, but this class has been exceptionally large for several years past. An unusually