

country would, we were going to say, receive canonization were their devotion fully known. And yet they are likely but imperfectly appreciated, and perhaps wholly misunderstood, sometimes, by the mercenary motivated masses for whom they delight to spend and be spent. Some such are included within the list of students at the Science School, who, though enrolled as students, have done more for the general success of the work than the most brilliant lecturer in the faculty of instruction. The lecturers were deeply interested, apparently, in studying the different methods of each, and attended the various classes as far as possible with those enrolled as students. The list of those latter, as furnished by the Secretary, is as follows:

Inspector Roscoe, Wolfville; Inspector Condon, Halifax; Supervisor McKay, Halifax; Professor Hall, Truro; Professor Denton, Halifax; Principal Congdon, Dartmouth; Principal McRae, Annapolis; Principal McLeod, Kentville; Principal Sprague, Liverpool; Principal Burbidge, Halifax; Rev. James Anderson, Musquodoboit; L. A. McKenna, Halifax; W. E. Thompson, Halifax; J. W. H. King, Hantsport; Miss N. A. Burgoyne, Windsor; Miss B. McClatchy, Windsor; Miss E. Stewart, Pictou; Miss J. C. Fullerton, Pictou; Miss M. Anderson, Musquodoboit; Miss R. Marshall, Yarmouth; Miss C. Mumford, Hantsport; Miss H. Rouse, Wolfville; Miss S. A. Hamilton, Wolfville; Miss L. J. Benjamin, Wolfville; Miss F. Evans, Wolfville; Miss I. M. Creighton, Halifax; Miss A. J. Mitchell, Halifax; Miss A. M. Cunningham, Halifax; Miss I. M. Wiswell, Halifax; Miss H. L. Flowers, Halifax; Miss M. Reynolds, Halifax; Miss M. J. McPhee, Guysboro Co.; Miss E. Ellis, Elmsdale; Miss M. Kirkpatrick, Halifax; Miss S. A. Hirtle, Lunenburg; Miss Crosby, Yarmouth; O. F. Best, Canso; B. F. Porter, Yarmouth; C. E. Williams, Chester; H. Dill, Lunenburg; H. K. Marsters, New York.

Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, came down from Halifax for a day, to inspect the working of the School. We regret that our space does not admit of a fuller account of the proceedings. In our next we shall intimate the arrangements made by the Executive for 1888, and discuss a proposed outline of practical work to be done by students competing for a certificate from the School.

A clock whose dial is to be fifty feet in diameter, and which is claimed as the biggest in the world, is in course of construction in New York, and is to be placed at Manhattan Beach.

TEACHERS IN CONVENTION.

PRINCE COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual convention of the teachers of Prince County, P. E. Island, was held at Alberton on the 28th and 29th of June. About sixty teachers were present—a very respectable attendance, compared with other meetings, but surely small enough from a section of country which contains about one hundred and sixty. Papers were read by Miss MacPhail of Summerside, and Mr. Daniel Fraser of Alberton. Both were exceptionably good, and afforded the Convention abundant matter for discussion. The subject of Miss MacPhail's paper was "The Culture of the Brain." She showed that activity and labour are essential to the development of that organ. The right kind of culture is that which gives attention to mind and body. All our efforts towards physical or mental culture are to aim at the development of the moral nature of the pupil. But the medium in which the work can best prosper is an atmosphere of love—love in the home—love in the school-room—love in the play-ground.

Mr. Fraser's paper on "Teaching" was eclectic in character, but it was not on that account less interesting or instructive to his audience. The central idea of the paper was the necessity of teaching details before attempting generalization. He disapproved of the introduction of grammar at too early a stage in the course of studies, because pupils in the primary grades are not able to grasp abstractions. On the same principle he condemned the use of the unitary method in arithmetic, as involving more complicated reasoning than the simple and much shorter method of proportion. The paper elicited a lively discussion.

Mr. Landrigan, Tignish, introduced a discussion on the teaching of history. While it was in progress, Mr. Agnew, Glasgow, Scotland, was invited to address the Convention. He spoke at length, expounding his views on the teaching of history with great force and clearness.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. West, Centreville, strongly disapproving of the amendments to the Education Act, proposed at the last meeting of the Local Legislature, and expressing satisfaction at their rejection by the Legislative Council. The resolution was passed with but one dissentient voice.

A public entertainment was given on the evening of Tuesday, consisting of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, and an address by Mr. Montgomery, Chief Superintendent of Education.