

laid upon the need of constant study, and progress on the part of the teacher who should use available means to secure every advantage that would aid in perfecting his skill as a workman. The reading of the paper was followed by brief speeches from Messrs. Oliver, Lyons, Brown and Dr. Anderson. Mr. McVicar in the course of his remarks referred to the method of teaching patriotism in the American schools and characterized it as telescopic, where in viewing their own country they used the small end, but when observing their neighbors they reversed the instrument.

The Friday morning session was given to papers from Mr. O. Lyons, on "Our Educational Status and the Relative Importance of Studies," and Mr. James Armstrong, on the "Benefits of Historical Study." Mr. Lyons presented a comprehensive view of the educational systems of the provinces of the Dominion and of various States of the Union. A comparison with statistics of the attendance and teachers' salaries showed Massachusetts highest in attendance, followed in order by N. S., P. E. I. and Ontario. The application of a compulsory attendance law would correct the evil in this particular.

Dr. Allison said there was need of caution as to the significance of the figures quoted in comparing the various systems of education. Massachusetts, for example, from the shortness of the school year through showing a higher per centage of attendance represented actually a smaller attendance than Nova Scotia. In the Ontario school system the common schools have their peculiar work, and young persons desiring high school training must go into the high schools to obtain it. While such a course may be suitable for Ontario with its numerous towns it was scarcely adapted to such conditions as exist in Nova Scotia. Mr. Armstrong, in his paper, after showing what instructions should be aimed at in teaching history, demonstrated the value of this study from important facts which it yielded at small outlay of time and labor, and as affording a means of intellectual and moral culture. On Thursday evening an appreciative audience was addressed by Dr. Allison, Dr. Ambrose, and R. G. Munro, Esq.

Examination of schools under Methodist board in Twillingate educational district took place during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the present week. From the Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL. D., superintendent of Methodist schools, we learn that marked improvement was manifest, both in attendance and in general progress, in all the schools. This is a matter of thankfulness and cause of congratulation to all concerned.—*Twillingate (Nfld.) Sun*.

PERSONAL.

G. R. Parkin, M. A., of Fredericton, sailed from Liverpool this week, and is expected home on the 16th.

Prof. F. H. Eaton, M. A., of Truro, passed through St. John last week, on his way home from Boston.

A. St. George Richardson, B. A., nephew of Mr. I. T. Richardson, St. John, recently principal of Wilberforce Academy, Chatham, Ont., has been appointed to a more advanced and lucrative position in the Southern States.

Among the passengers from Halifax to Liverpool recently were Miss E. T. Harding, instructor in painting at Acadia seminary, and Miss Blanche Bishop, B. A., of Greenwich. They are on their way to Berlin, where they will spend the year in study; Miss Harding is painting and Miss Bishop studying German literature. Miss Graves, the former principal, and Miss Buttrick, the former teacher of instrumental music at the seminary, are also in Berlin, perfecting themselves in their chosen work.—*Hants Journal*.

A. J. Denton, A. B., of Halifax, has been admitted to the M. A. course at Harvard, without examination. This is a high compliment to Mr. Denton, and to his alma mater, Acadia college.

Miss Orr, of the Victoria school, St. John, after a month spend in studying kindergarten methods, under Miss Woodcock, at Truro, has returned home, and will put into practice kindergarten methods among the primary schools of the Victoria.

Isaac Gammell, B. A., professor of English in the Pictou academy, has accepted a more advanced position in Montreal. On October 26th he was married to Miss Maria A. McKenzie, of Pictou. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations.

Frank I. Stewart, B. A. (Dal.), of Charlottetown, P. E. I., has been appointed Classical Master in the Yarmouth academy. Interprovincial relations in educational matters are evidently increasing.

C. F. Hall, M. A. (Mt. A.), has been appointed principal of the Hants County academy.

J. A. Smith, M. A. (Mt. A.), has been appointed principal of the Digby academy.

Rev. F. W. Vroom, M. A., (Kings) has been appointed professor of divinity in Kings.

James C. Shaw, B. A. (Dal.), with first rank honors in classics, and Governor-general's gold medalist, has been appointed classical master in the Pictou academy. He is a native of Stanhope, P. E. I., and a graduate of Prince of Wales college.