

The closing session in the afternoon was begun by appointing officers for the next institute, which is to be held at Wolfville. The following were appointed: Vice-president, R. W. Ford, Wolfville; Secretary-treasurer, J. A. Smith, Windsor. In addition, to complete the executive, Miss Forbes, Miss Kaulbach, W. J. Shields, E. Robinson.

Mr. Schurman, of the Business College, Halifax, gave an excellent practical lesson—How to Teach Writing—and introduced some new methods in business forms, etc. It was of great benefit to all present. The judges on exhibits of drawing and writing reported as follows:

All the writing prizes of Grades III and VII were taken by the Windsor schools, excepting the second prize in Grade III, which went to Hantsport. The drawing prizes went to country schools, three to Hants County and one to Kings County. Space forbids giving names. The last number on the programme was a paper on Civics, prepared by Mr. J. E. Woodworth, Berwick, and in his absence read by the secretary. It was an excellent paper, showing that radical changes need to be made in administering laws, and that a great moral reform must come if our country is to be kept pure. This is to be done in the schools as far as possible. After a discussion on the several topics considered during the day, and a short closing address by the president, the institute adjourned, to be again summoned at the discretion of the executive. It was considered a profitable institute, and the interest was sustained to the end. Fine exhibits of manual training work from Wolfville, Kentville and Windsor were displayed. A most tempting display of cooking from the domestic science department of Windsor schools was spread out tastefully, and showed what children could do in this important part of education.

It is needless to say that much of the success of this institute is due to the tact and enthusiasm of Inspector Roscoe, the president, who knows well how to govern such an assemblage.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

This institute, with an enrolment of 173 teachers, met at Springhill on Tuesday, the 18th of April, under the direction of Inspector Craig, whose opening address was clear, thoroughly practical, and well balanced.

A paper on Practical Teaching, by Principal Smeltzer, of Wallace, was ably discussed by Principal Soloan, Dr. Magee, and Mr. Munroe, of Parrsboro. Professor Benoit, of the normal school, explained the Application of Physical Principles to Weather Phenomena.

At the public meeting in the evening, President Craig spoke on the Practical Application of Acquired Knowledge. Principal Soloan gave a masterly talk, comparing the educational methods of the past and the present. Messrs. McLeod and Paul, the

representatives for the county, and Prof. Benoit also made excellent addresses.

Teachers' Reading, by Principal Sedgewick, of Oxford, was the first paper of the second day. It was unanimously decided that such a valuable paper should be published in the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW. A class of common school pupils was taught a lesson in English literature by Miss Grant, of Springhill, and a lesson in drawing by Miss Hockin, of Amherst.

School Gardens was the subject of an interesting paper by Miss Spencer, of Great Village. It was supplemented by Mr. P. J. Shaw, Nova Scotia, Director of the Macdonald School Gardens, who explained some of the manual processes involved, and how this subject could be related to other school studies. He mentioned that there were seventy-nine school gardens in Nova Scotia, each of which would receive a government grant of \$25 if doing satisfactory work.

Dr. Murray, of Springhill, explained How the Body is Rendered Immune Against Certain Diseases. Principal Delaney pointed out how school gardens could be utilized in every school. Miss Conway, of Springhill, gave a model lesson in geography. Principal Lay, of Amherst, urged the value of school libraries, and Miss Fitzpatrick, of Parrsboro, gave a model lesson adapted to Grades V and VI.

The interest was well sustained on the third day by Principal Herdman, of Acadia Mines, on Patriotism, by Miss McPherson, of Springhill, in a lesson on How to Teach Primary Readings, by Miss Cameron, of Parrsboro, on Teaching Children How to Talk, and by practical addresses from several leading teachers.

This convention will be of immense value to the schools of this district. It reflects the greatest credit upon Inspector Craig, whose profound interest in the progress of the schools under his direction is unexcelled.

Have a question box in your school in which any child can place any question he pleases, signing his name. Read the questions each day and have the pupils answer impromptu all for which they are prepared, and take the others home to search for the answers. Teachers who have used the question box say that it gives excellent results.—*American Primary Teacher.*

I do not own an inch of land,  
Yet all I see is mine—  
The orchards and the moving fields,  
The lawns and gardens fine.  
The winds my tax-collectors are;  
They bring the fithes divine—  
Wild scents and subtle essences,  
A tribute rare and free.

—Lucy Larcom,