

Third Meeting—Subject, "Greek Plastic Art and Greek Painting"; Second Book, first chapter, divisions three and four; abstracts from six members. And so on. This dividing of the long chapters among the members will be found to lessen the labor while increasing the interest and thoroughness of the work. Reference books may be passed from one to another till all are familiar with their contents. Photographs should be mounted on cardboard or fastened by the corners to a stiff background, as constant unrolling injures them.

The spirit of inquiry once caught from this absorbing subject, plans and outlines will suggest themselves; and I may safely leave the awakening of *interest* to the authors recommended.

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TEACHERS' CONVENTIONS.

UNITED MEETING OF WESTMORLAND AND KENT TEACHERS.

The united meeting of the Institutes of Westmorland and Kent, N. B., was held at Moncton, Oct. 14th and 15th. There was an attendance of over 100 teachers. President Allan, of the Westmorland County Institute, occupied the chair, and Chief Superintendent Dr. Inch and Inspector Smith were present. There was much interest in the proceedings. Papers were read by Miss Harriett Ramsay, of Kent County, on Natural History; by Miss Kate Willis, of Moncton, on English Literature; by W. A. Cowperthwaite, B. A., of Kent, on Canadian History; and by E. D. Cormier, of Kent County, on The Teaching Profession. A discussion on Practical Education in our Schools was opened by Geo. J. Oulton, A. M., principal of the Moncton High School. Principal O'Brien, of Salisbury, W. W. Anderson, of Moncton, Inspector Smith, R. D. Hanson, of Petitcodiac, N. W. Brown, of Dorchester, and Dr. Inch took part in the discussion.

The public meeting on Thursday evening, Oct. 14th, was largely attended. President Allan occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Mayor Robinson and D. Grant, chairman of the Moncton School Board, welcoming the teachers, to which responses were made by Messrs. Cowperthwaite of Kent and Brown of Westmorland. Addresses were made by Dr. Inch, Secretary McCully of the Moncton schools, Revs. Hinson, Robinson and Lodge. The proceedings were enlivened by music.

Miss Nicholson and Miss Dupuis gave a creditable exhibition of kindergarten work, which was highly spoken of.

The following officers were elected for the Kent County Institute: President, Inspector Smith; Vice-

President, Miss Chrystal; Secretary, W. A. Cowperthwaite; Executive, Miss N. Ferguson and Geo. Hutchison. For the Westmorland Institute: H. L. Brittain, of Moncton, President; Miss Grierson, of Dorchester, Vice, and S. W. Irons, of Moncton, Secretary-Treasurer.

The latter Institute will meet at Moncton next year.

Touching reference was made by Principal Irons to the loss sustained by the death of several teachers during the past year, and the following resolution was passed:

Inasmuch as it has pleased Providence to remove from our midst since our last annual meeting the old, experienced and well-known teachers whose interest in our Teachers' Institute was always manifest by their presence and counsel, viz., Mr. S. C. Wilbur, M. A., who was for nearly twenty years teacher in Moncton and for many years principal of Moncton High School, and more than once president of this Institute; Mr. D. M. Trites, also a teacher in this city for more than thirty years, and one of the few teachers who taught before the inauguration of the present school system; and also Miss Sarah Forster, a most successful teacher for many years in Kent and Westmorland Counties; and, further, a somewhat younger teacher, but one of excellent qualities, who was for some years teacher in Dorchester and Kent, viz., Miss Lauretta Phinney;

Therefore we, the United Institute for Westmorland and Kent, desire to place on record an expression of the sense of loss which we feel we have sustained by their death, and sincere regrets on account of their removal from us.

S. W. IRONS,
G. J. OULTON,
A. M. GRIERSON, } For Institute.

To Young Teachers.

Having a vivid recollection of my own haps and mishaps when I first entered upon what has become my life work, I feel moved to write something for the benefit of young and inexperienced teachers, hoping that it may prove the means of encouraging them, and aiding them to avoid some of my mistakes.

* * * In the first place, my dear young teachers, I know you are entering upon your work with high resolves and bright anticipations, and I am glad of it, for if your ideals are high you will be much more likely to succeed than if they were not. I know it is the fashion among a certain class of teachers whose pedagogical liver is out of order to smile pityingly at the enthusiasm of young teachers, and even to sneer at them because they refuse to accept their jaundiced views; but you will do well to pay no attention to them, for you cannot succeed without enthusiasm; it makes you more cheerful, lends a rosy hue to the school-room atmosphere, aids you when you encounter perplexities, and reacts upon the pupils, making them more in sympathy with you, and more interested in their work. Without enthusiasm the pupils will be dull and lifeless, the hours will drag their slow length along, the only welcomed one being the hour of dismissal. A teacher without enthusiasm is like April without its showers, or June without its roses, and I, for one, will say nothing to lessen it.

The next element of success is earnestness, and you