

the historic address of Chief Superintendent Dr. Inch, already referred to, made a fitting opening to the last provincial institute meeting of the century. The public meeting of the evening had also a reminiscent character, for Mayor Sumner gave the views of a practical and progressive business man, in summing up what had been of most service to him in his school training. As a man of affairs he traced more of his success to the six months' drill by his teacher in book-keeping than to the rest of his school work put together. His quaint allusions to his early struggles with English grammar and orthography provoked a smile on the part of his listeners. "Should the Normal School devote itself exclusively to Professional Work," was dealt with by Principal Mullin, with a clearly affirmative leaning. Dr. Bridges, followed by Principal Parlee, gave compact and suggestive hints on what the successful teacher finds advantageous in "Effective Teaching." Principal B. C. Foster, in the high school section, gave an admirable address on the "Advantages of Free Secondary Education." His arguments were logical and convincing, and the position he took was practically unassailable. In the same section, Mr. F. A. Good, of Woodstock, read a paper on "Book Study and Nature Study," in which he gave a clear and well defined course of observation work which a teacher might well carry out as corollary to book work in schools. Both papers provoked an animated discussion and both are well worthy of publication for a more leisurely future reading.

In the primary school sections, "Fröbel's Principles" were clearly set forth by Mrs. A. C. Robinson, of St. John, and kindergarten methods in early grades received practical illustration at the hands of Misses Stewart and Wathen. In the same section the Misses Veazey and Young read papers on "Professional Etiquette." Inspector Mersereau at the last session gave an inspiring and patriotic address on "Empire Day," a theme on which, from sympathy and natural tendency and environment, he is well fitted to speak.

NOTES.

It was considered a mistake to lower the enrolment fee to fifty cents for male teachers and twenty-five cents for female teachers. Granted that there is a surplus of two or three hundred dollars on hand, there is no need of getting rid of it immediately. But it should rather be increased and husbanded with care, leaving the Institute in future to dispose of it wisely. The advantage of having a fund on which to draw in case of emergency, or when the Institute wishes to invite some distinguished educationist from abroad, is obvious.

The absence of Prof. Robertson was regretted. His place was taken by Mr. McCready of the Sloyd School

in Fredericton, who gave a practical address on manual training. The conversazione the same evening gave the Moncton teachers an opportunity to extend their hospitality to the visitors. The cordial and generous manner in which they did it left nothing to be desired. But it was rather tantalizing to keep the fine musical and literary programme, with the creature comforts provided by the ladies, dangling before the eyes of the audience while they listened to a programme of educational addresses fully an hour and a half long. And on the evening previous, Dr. Winship's admirable address lost much of its interest by being pressed upon hearers who had been listening to half a dozen previous speakers.

Mr. John Brittain was re-elected Secretary. The Institute knows that it has an excellent and careful officer in Mr. Brittain, and there was no disposition apparently to change.

Messrs. Steinberger, Hendry & Co., of Toronto, had a complete and very effective exhibition of maps, blackboards and other school furnishings which attracted much attention.

Owing to the Dominion Association meeting in Ottawa next year, there will probably be no meeting of the N. B. Institute until 1902.

The following constitute the new executive committee: Geo. J. Oulton, M. A.; C. H. Acheson; F. A. Good; F. P. Yorston, M. A.; A. C. M. Lawson; S. W. Irons; Miss Emma Veazey; F. A. Dixon, B. A.; Geo. K. McNaughton, B. A.; Miss Daisy Hanson.

Inspector Mersereau was elected to represent the Educational Institute in the University of N.B. Senate.

American Institute of Instruction.

An old New England institution, of interest to the teachers of Eastern America, is the American Institute of Instruction. Its seventieth meeting was held in Halifax July 7-11. Among those present were the Superintendents of Education of Maine, Vermont, and Nova Scotia, Judge Stafford of the Supreme Court of Vermont, A. E. Winship, editor of the *Journal of Education*, and O. H. Lang, editor of the *School Journal*, New York. In many respects the arrangements were well adapted for a time when the average teacher feels the need of recuperation. The afternoons were left free for excursions about the interesting old city. The meetings were enlivened with music. The addresses themselves were intended to interest and furnish suggestion rather than to call for close study and criticism on the part of the teachers.

The visitors were welcomed on the evening of July 7th, in the old exhibition building. The platform and walls were beautifully decorated. Sir M. B. Daly,