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# N(20. SEMI-ANNUAL CIRCULAR. 


#### Abstract

Regulatioy 43 of tie Board of Rdlcatiox.-The Chief Superintendent shall, in his discretion, forward to the Trustees of ench District a Semi-Annual Circular, containing official notices, educational information, ard especially a detailed statement of the Provincial Grants paid to Teachers, and the apportionment of the County Assessment Fund to Trustees. These Circulars shall be permanently filec? by the Trastees, and shall be accessible to Teachers in each District.


THEODORE H. RAND,<br>Clief Superintendent.

Envcation Office,
Fredoricton, N. 13., August 16, 187\%.

## APPORTIONMENT OF PROVINCLAL GRANTS AND COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE WINTER TERM ENDED APRIT 30, 1875.

In. St. Joln, Portland, Fredericton, Foodstock, St. Stephen, Milltown, snd St. Andrews, there were 117 teaching days in this term; and in all other School Districts, 118. In apportioning the Provincial Grants and County Fund to the Cities and Towns above named, the time the Schools were open and the attendance made were raised to the basis of 118 daysthe full term required of the Schools in the country.

In the following statement nomes in Susaul Capitals indicate the Teachers who rereived the Superior School Grant. This Grant cannot exceed $\$ 150$ per Term. Names in Italics indicate the Teachers who taught in poor Districts, and whose Grants, and those to the Trustees from the County Frund, were increased one-third over the ordinary amounts. The Grants to Class-Room Assistants (c. r. a.) are one-half the ordinary Grants to. Teachers, nccording to the class of License. The ordinary Common School Grants per Term (and ratably according to the portion actually employed in teaching), are as follows: M. $1, \$ 75 ;$ M. $2 . \$ 60 ;$ M. $3, \$ 45$. F. $1, \$ 55 ; F .2, \$ 45 ;$ F. $3, \$ 35$.
:Drafts for the amounts named in this Cracuhar were duly transmitted to the Inspectors, as required by Regulation 41, in June and July last.

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| 3699 | 97 | Moody McGuirg，．．．．．．．．． |  | 597 | 411981 | 1233 | 1216 | 2449 |
| 2860 | 75 | James ledingham，．．．$\}$ | ＂ | 61105 | 49 18612 | 1335 | 1143 | 2478 |
| 4540 | 118 | Charles Rogers．．．．．．．． 5 |  | 7118 | 311670 |  |  | 2525 |
| 3500 | 118 | Jane McKas |  | 10118 | 251591 | 1500 | 977 | 2477 |
| 2215 | 56 | Florence E．A | Bristish | 1256 | 33918 | 949 | 564 | 1513 |
| 7500 | 118 | George Stickney．．． | Brighton， | 2118 | 744797 | 1500 | 2946 | 4446 |
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| 6000 | 118 | George MoLeod | 4 ． $4 . . . . . . . .$. | 4118 | 583319 | 1500 | 2038 | 3538 |
| 4405 | $115 \frac{1}{}$ | Allison W．Clart | ＂${ }^{\text {a }}$ ．．．．．．．．．．． | 5115 | $411448 \frac{1}{2}$ | 1468 | 889 | 235 |
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| 3381 | 114 | Ethalinda A．Gray | ＂ | 8114 | 281278 | 1449 | 785 | 2234 |
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| 13000 | 118 | FRED．A．Ha |  | $\frac{1}{2} 118$ | ${ }_{4}^{28} 18108$ | 14.30 | 1998 |  |
| 4500 | 118 | Louisa H．Hartley，．．．．．．． |  | 3118 | 39 2249 | 1500 | 1381 | 2881 |
| 55.00 | 118 | Angelina Fanlknor，$\}$ | － |  |  |  |  | 4713 |
| 8390 | 60 | Min＇e F．Bacon，o．r．a $\}$ |  | 4118 | 705232 | 1500 | 32.3 | 4713 |
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| 3432 | 190 | John Furiong， | Richmond， | 290 | 52.21782 | 1144 | 1338 | 2482 |
| 3174 |  | Jonnie Henderson |  | 3107 | 311845 | 1360 | 1133 | 2493 |
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| 6000 | 1118 | Carrie R．Gilkey | ＂ | 89118 | 372736 | 1487 | 1700 | 3193 |
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| 7436 | 117 | John Home， |  | 11117 | 221158 | 1487 | 97 | 2458 |
| 1485 | 89 | James H．Lougeo |  | 1239 | 30.776 | 4.96 | 477 | 973 |
| 3051 | 180 | Catharine J，Guy | ＂ | 80 | 41.1976 | 1017 | 1213 | 2230 |
| 3040 | $102 \frac{1}{2}$ | Mary L．Cassidy．．． | ＂ | $1{ }^{1023}$ | 329097 | 1303 | 595 | 18 S8 |
| 4500 |  | Ada J．Kirkpatrick，．．． |  | 16118 | 29.5797 | 1500 | 358 | 1856 |
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| 3775 | $\stackrel{9}{9}$ | William E．Summers．．． | Wakefield， | 99 | 512200 | 1258 | 1351 | 2609 |
| 6165 |  | Hugh T．Parlee，．．．．．．．．．． |  | 297 | 60.3003 | 1238 | 1845 | 3078 |
| 4470 |  | Henriotta G．Simonson |  | 3117 4 | 582950 | 1487 | 1811 | 3298 |
| 4309 |  | Ernest A．Sham， | ， | 4113 | 3611856 | 143 | 1140 | 2576 |

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## COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE．

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| 5383 | 1153 | Adelaide Young． | Duff | 1154 | 44 | 3161 | 1468 | 2767 | 4235 |
| 5500 | 118 | Maggio Cookburn，．．．．．．． | Du | 2118 | 45 | 3113 | 1500 | 2725 | 4225 |
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| 593 | 20 | Jennio McCullooh，．．．．．． | $\because$ | 20 | 25 | 367 | 254 |  |  |
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| 3470 | 117 | Cornelia F．Watt，．．．．．$\}$ | Grand | $1{ }^{234}$ | 133 | 8551 | 2974 | 7494 | 6130 |
| 7500 | 118 | Patrick Casoy，．．．．．．．．．．． | ＂ | 2118 | 85 | 52883 | 1500 | 4630 |  |
| 4119 | 108 | Marshall V．Brown | ＂ | 118 | 70 | 3642 | 1373 | 3188 | 4561 |
| 4309 |  | William S Cronk， |  | 6113 | 66 | 5309 | 1436 | 4648 | 6084 |
| 5085 | 80 | Charles White， | Lepr | 280 | 47 | 2294 | 1017 | 200 |  |
| 4500 | 118 | William Kerr |  | 3118 | 44 | 2267 | 1500 |  |  |
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| 4500 |  | Mary E．Dixon | drews， | 170 | 347 | 19917 | 8949 | 17436 | 20385 |
| 4423 | 115 | B．Louisa Morrison． |  |  |  | rals＇d |  |  |  |
| 3440 | 115 | Charlotte Rogers，．．．．． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5500 | 118 | Addie Hanson．．． | St．Croix，．． | 118 | 68 | 33183 | 1500 | 2905 | $4^{45} 0$ |
| 2775 | 78 | George J．Clark． |  | 278 | 35 | 1079 | 992 | 945 | 1937 |
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| 4462 | 117 | Mary E．Carter，．．．．．．．$\}$ | ＂ | 117 | 55 | 3501 | 1487 | 3065 | 4552 |
| 4500 | 118 | Abner Gaskill， | St．David， | 118 | 83 | 3899 | 1500 | 3413 | 4913 |
| 6000 | 118 | John Flanagan， |  | 118 | 45 | 2353 | 1500 | 2060 | 3560 |
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| 5949 | 117 | Arthur U．Smith，．．．．．．． | ＂ | 117 | 69 | 4285 | 1487 | 3751 | 5238 |
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| 5500 | 118 | Joy ，D．Roid，．．．．．．．．．．．．． | ＂ | 12118 | 30 | 1450 | 1500 | 1275 | 27 |
| 4500 | 118 | H，Uawley，．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | ， | 14118 | 58 | 4018 | 1500 | 8518 | 50 |
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| 4500 | 118 | 3 | James D．Skelly，．．．．．．．．． |  | 13 | 118 | 42 | 2299 | 1500 | 4645 | 6145 |
| 4500 | 118 | 2 | Hannah Willis，．．．．．．．．．． | ＂ | 14 | 118 | 53 | 3262 | 1500 | 6767 | 8267 |
| 14372 | 117 | 1 | PETER Giadwood．．．．$\}$ | 10 | 16 | 234 | 107 | 8239 | 2974 | 17093 | 20067 |
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| 5500 | 118 | 1 | Kate L．Dwyer，．．．．．．．．．． | Caraquet．．．．．．． | 10 | 118 | 17 | 1738 | 1500 | 3606 9869 | 51 11369 |
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## COUNTY OF SUNBURY.



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COUNTY OF YORK.


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## COUNTY OF TORK-Continued.



## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The pupils, except for the County of Kings, are included in the foregoing Tables.

*Not in Union.
tGovernment aid paid through Secretary of Board of Trustecs.
$\ddagger$ From the University Grant.

ABSTRACT-For Term ended 30th April, 1875.

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## गHe SUPply of teachers-URGENT iveed of adequate NORNAL SUCHOOL ACCOMNODATION AND EQUIPMENT.

Ar the lowest estimate 1,100 Teachers are employed in the Nchools at this hour. Of this number, over 200 hold only local licenses valid e.r a year. This reduces the staff of regular Teachers to 300 . But of these 900 , there are quite a number whose licenses should be called in, and there are more who mast be required, ' $t$ the earliest practicable day, to undergo further training in order to insure tolerable service from them. This further reduction of the working staff may be regarded as fairly balanced by the possible number of French Teachers in reserve, and the influx of trained Teachers from other Provinces or the States.

A staff of mot less than 1,500 Tleachers will be needed as soon as the School system embraces the entiic teritorv of the Province as the field of its coustant and successful operation.

The problem of the supply of qualified Teachers, therefore, is substantially.this, - to bxing the staff up to 1,100 , and increase it to 1,500 , and at the same time provide for the aunual loss occasioued by retirement-frum all causes. The fact that the operation of the Common Schools Act has already put an end to the "degradilis system of 'boarding round"" (but a single instence of this practice having come to my knowledge during the past year), provided fair remuneration as salaries, and elevated the whole scope and business of teaching, must tend to lengticn sensibly the period of service. Giving full weight to this consideranoon, it will be a liberal estimate to place the average period of scirice at ten yeurs. On this basis, we require, to proride the following number of $n$. Teachers ammally, to meet the loss occasioued by retirement from the Service:-

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The number of new Tenchers aumally needed to meet this loss mary be reduced ten or fifteen per cent. by the introduction of the contingent pecumiary guarantees referred to on* p. xl. ; but this means of lengtheuing the period of service of Teachers cannot be made available except under the operation of the system of inspection contemplated by Regulation 42. Two years must̀ clapse before any assistance can be had from this source, and a much longer time must elapse before it would be operative in all parts of the Proriner.

In addition to the supply necessary to meet this annual loss from the regular staff, I have already shewn that we require to provide 200 trained 'Peachers to raise our present staff to 1,100 -the number of Teachers actunlly in service, -and 400 additiounl to provide for the possible increase in the number of Schools.

T'o mect all thesc demands of our Sehool system for qualificd T'eachers, the Board of Education has been able to add to the staff since January 1872, 257 regular Tcachers-an average of 86 a year. There is no room left to doubt that the time has fully come to look this question fairly in the face, and promptly to do what is practicable by way of meeting its urgent demands. Our Training and Model School, in both its No.mal and Model departments, has been vigorously worked during the entire period under consideration. The efficiency of the Teachers sent out is everywhere acknowledged, and the applications of Trustees to secure the services of the most promising of those in training, anticipate by months the examiuations for license. But the accommodations of the building now occupied by the School are wholly inadequate to our needs. In consequence, I have been obliged to abstain, almost entirely, from any efforts to secure the attendauce of students. Nevertheless, at the opening of the last three Terms, more applicants have presented themselves than could be conveniently admitted. Numbers, in fact, have been turued away simply because the School is withoit its necessary equipment. There is no lack in New Brunswick of the " material out of which to male Teachers." I feel every confidence in saying that this department cau provide an abumdant supply of excellent young men and young women for the business of teaching, if the Province will only make due provision for the training of them.

In view of the considerations now presented, I would respectfully recommend that provision be made for the immediate erection and equipment of such a Normal School as our School System imperatively demands. Nothing less than this can meet the case. But this provision being promptly made, it will, I think, be possible, by a careful administration of Regulation 32 , and the timely provisiou of the pecuniary guarantees to which reference has been made, to fairly meet the present and future necessities of the Province, in the supply of qualified Teachers. No practicable enlargement or refitting of the building now used for the pupuoses of a Provincial Training and Model School will be wise, or at all adequate to the work proposed. Even with the present limited accommodation for students in the Training department, the rooms used for the Model department are every way unsuitable. 'Phe Principal, W. Crocket, Esquire, A. M., referring to this latter department, says in his Report:-

[^0]The facts which I hare so fully presented in support of the recommendatiou now made, seem to me to render it almost unnecessary to urge other considerations. The statements throughout this Report demonstrate that
the people are devoting liberal sums of money for grounds, School-houses, and furniture, and that the Schools put in operation are being thronged with childrun. Unless qualified Tenchers are supplied, these local efforts on behnif of wancation will fail of their end. No pains are spared to procurs the best text-books, but these educational instruments, however perfect, cannot be effectively used by poor 'leushers. The Counties and the Diovince anmually grant large sums of money towards Teachers' salaries, but these funds cannot yield the results for which they were designed unless received by men and women qualified, by a rood degree of culture and professional skill, for the office of Teacher. In short, the efforts of Trurtees, of Inspectors, of the Chief Superintendent, and the Board of Education, depend for their success, in the last amalysis, upon the efficiency of the tenching staff of the Pro ince. That it has become necessary to make provision for such a Nurmal School as I have reconmended, is the amplest evidence that the Coumcu Schools Act has awaliened the people of New Brunswick to a lively sense of the claims of education. These claims have existed all along, but the public ear was well-nigh deaf to them. Wiile other Provinces and States have erertea admirable buildings for Normal School purvoses, our Province has been disposed to let its Normal School fimd shelter as best it could. But the operation of the Common Schools Act has brought home to the people at large the necessity of providing adequate means for the supply of welltrained Teachers. This direct result of the working of the Act stamps it as a genuine educational measure. A result so rapid in its maturing and so vital to the one grand purpose of the Act cannot, I respectfully submit, be disregarded without entailing the gravest consequences upon the entire future of the School Systen of New Bruuswick.-From the Chicf Supperintendent's Report.

## miportancee of pronipl payment of county fund DIRAFTS ISSUED TO SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Oun educatiounl sintistics demonstrate that the County Fund is the motive power of our whole School system. It would be well nigh impossiWe to arouse the majority of the people of the poorer Districts to that sense of the importance of education necessary to the providing of Schools and the leeeping of them in operation, were there no aumual County Fund rate. The same is true of the majority of the people of many Districts which are not poor. All parts of the Comuty being anaually called upon to pay into this Fund, it is a popular inference that all parts of the County should seek to derive some direct advantage by draming out of this Fund. As the only objection most people have to education is that it costs something, the compulsory County rate removes, nolcns volens, the weight of this formidable objection. Each District, therefore, by a general law of the Province,
is impelled toward the discharge of its duty to its children. This leads to the building of School houses and the opening of Schools. But the general law of the Province not only impels each local community to the discharge of its duty to its children, but liberally encourages and helps in the discharge of that duty, up to the maximum required. This tends powerfully to insure the regularity of the Schools set in operation, and the attendance of all the children with a good degree of constancy. Thus, despite the fact that $a$ large number of new Schools were opened during the past jear, a considerable proportion of them being in the poorer Districts, the regularity both of the Schools and of the attendance of pupils throughout the whole Province was greater than in the previous year. To those local communities which, by neglecting or refusing to organize a School, offend against their own well-being and that of their fellow citizens at large, the Comuty Fimd rate acts as a benefcent penalty anuually repeated until duty is discharged.

The experience of the past three years has shown these results to be inherent in the careful administration of the provisions of the Law respecting the County Fund. It is difficult, therefore, to overestimate the importance of removing every obstruction to the free play of this most powerful influence of our School system. Obstructions have existed and do exist, and these have not infrequently overborme every influence that could be wielded to counteract them.

In the Counties of Victorin, Kent, and Gloucester, efforts, attended with considerable success, have been made to thwart the provisions of the Law in respect of the County Fund. I indulged the hope that the Sessions and the County authorities would take such action by way of administering the statute as would cnable this department to secure to the School Districts of these Comuties educational benefits equal to those enjojed by the other Counties of the Province. I caunot, however, in the proper discharge of the duties of my office, louger refrain from calling the attention of the Legislature to the importance of providing adequate means for the prompt payment of the County Fund drafts which I have issued to the Trustees of Schools, in the discharge of my duties under the statute, as well as for those which are to be issued in future. The non-payment of drafts has placed the Trustees in mos's embarassing circumstances, and neutralized the stimulus to local effort which the fund was designed to impart. Trustees have not been able, in consequence, to meet their engagements, and Schools, once flourishing, lave been closed. In many cases, friends of education have cashed the drafts, and hold them for payment. I have received numerous communications from the holders of these drafts urging that steps be taken to place the County Ireasurers in funds. Others who are ancious to assist in the organization of Schools in the Districts in which they reside, desire my assurance that the aid of the County Fund may be depended upon. I am unable to reply satisfactorily to such communications, and the progress of education is greatly hindered.

In the incorporated Counties, so far as I am aware, the County Fund drafts have been promptly paid on being presented to the Secretary-Treas-
urers. But in several of the other Counties, more especially in Westmorland and Saint John, some of the Trustees of Schools have been obliged to wait on the County Trensurers for months. The Trustees give their time, without fee or reward, to the discharge of responsible duties in behalf of the public welfare; and it is unjust to them and every way inimical to public interests that prompt payment is not made of the drafts which they receive. When it is remembered that the Province loans, without interest, to each County for six months the amount needed to meet the County Fund Drafts in June of each year, there seems no good reason why the County Treasurers should not, in consequence, be in a position to mett promptly the December drafts.
I have referred to this subject at some length because it is of great importance to the harmonious and successful operation of our School system. I ought, however, to add that almost all of the Clerks of the Peace and County Treasurers have co-operated most heartily in seeking to facilitate, in every way, a vigorous administration of the provisions of the Law, and that where this has not been fully secured, the failure has not been chargeable to them. I may be permitted to suggest that if the Clerks of the Peace were required to appoint Collectors in all cases where those provided in the usual way fail in the prompt discharge of duty, there would not probably be any lack of funds in the treasuries. The Government of the Province, as well as the people of each County, has a direct pecuniary interest, under the Law, in the collection and disbursement of the County rates.-From the Chief S'uperintendent's Ireport.
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## A STAFF OF QUALTFIED TEACHERS-SUPERANNUATION.

The supply of qualified teachers, and their retention in the school service, is a problem which no Province or State on this Continent has satisfactorily solved. In the business of education, the man or woman who educates is everything. A qualified teaching staff is, therefore, necessary to the wide diffusion of sound education. This truth has been clearly apprehended and deeply felt by those entrusted with the administration of public systems. While too much attention can hardly be bestowed upon school-houses, furniture, text-books and apparatus, it is evident that these, lowever shilfully devised, stop short of the requirements of the case. The matter lies deeper. The living agent, the teacher, is the power which actually determines the efficiency of all other instrumentalities. What is mauifestly required, therefore, as an essentinl part of $\Omega$ common school system, is a staff of efficient teachers, men and women skilled in the difficult business of
teaching. This is the very heart of the whole thing. Failure here is not made good by houses, books, or other nppliances: it is failure out and out.
"The teacher is the school." My experience and observation, both on this Continent and in Great Britain and Ireland, have forced the sentiment of the old maxim into my blood. I should not discharge my duty satisfactorily to myself, if I failed to give expression to the strength of my convictions on this point. Let any intelligent person fix his mind for a little on the best tencher he ever knew. Let him call to mind the sweetness of that teacher's ways, the clearness of his methods, the accuracy of his knowledge. How skilfully he put one in possession of one's orm powers. How soon his pupils began to respect themselves, and to have confidence in their own abilities. How delightful to them was study, and how soon they learned, and with what an outcome of genuine power, that the boundless world of knowledge was not his alone, but theirs, and all men's. Place now such a teacher in every school in New Brunswick: whot possibilities of noble endeavor and achievement could be denied to a people reared under such guidnuce! And yet the Legislature of New Brunswick, having called into existence a system of free education, is under obligations to do its utrost to secure this very result. Just as far as we approximate it, and no further, shall we attain the object for which any public educational provision can legitimately exist.

I wish to suggest for the consideration of the Legislature what appears to me to be fundamental in this matter. It is this: the deliberate adoption of such measures as are calculated to bind the whole brotherhood and sisterhood of teachers oi this Province together in a recognized profession. I here take it for granted that the business of teaching can fairly be shown to meet the conditions demanded of the general professions, though differing, of necessity, in some of ins aspects from them all. I shall, therefore, proceed at once to specify the two sonditions which, in my judgment, are essential to its actual assumption of suelh a character before the public. The first condition is this:-

1. None but persons who prove themselves qualified in a prescribed degrec must receive authority to enyage as Teachers in the Public Schools.

This condition is fundanental. Now it is certainly possible to ascertain with sufficient accuracy whether the attainments of any applicant for authority to practice in any recognized department of the profession, are such as to warrant, without injustice to any, the issue of that authority in accordance with established principles applicable alike to all. A common authority must guard the door of admission to the profession, and the character of this common authority, and the uniformity of its operations, must be such as to preclude all suspicion of favoritism, and command in all respects the confidence of the public.

This first condition has been, I trust, fairly met by the action of the Board of Education, set forth in Regulation 30 throughout.

This Province, then, is in a position to consider with care the second condition referred to. It is this:-
2. Teaching must afford such pecuniary guarantecs as shall pormit qualificd persons to make it their business for life.

I do not refer especially to the obligations resting upon the local communities in this matter. These obligations are great, and must, of course, be assumed bofore we shall have a staff of qualified persons making teaching their life work. These obligations will be acknowledged and discharged very much in accordance with the estimate placed by the Jeegislature of the Province upon the Quauriy of the worl performed in the Schools. This estimate can find effective expression ouly in the means adopted by the Province to iusure to the people that the character of each teacher's work shall be regularly and adequately tested, and publicly made known by the giving or with'holding of suitable rewards. Granted such were done by the Province, it is plain that the local commumities would thus be continuously appealed to by the importance assigned to the business of teaching. I make no doubt in saying that it is the duty of the Province to lead in this matter, and with solicitude to foster an abiding educational interest in the minds of all the people. I shall, therefore, confine my suggestions to such pecuniary guarantees as, in my view, the Province can fairly undertake in this behalf, and ere long ought to undertake. The guarantees which I propose to every successful teacher,-i.e., to every teacher whose quality of work attests his success year in and year out-are definite pecuniary emoluments in the event of ill-health or old age overtaking him while engaged in the school service of the Province. These emoluments should be proportioned to the teacher's success and his period of public service.
It is obvious that Provincial guarantees thus conditioned involve the periodic classification of the Schoors by competent men, -involve, in short, an efficient system of School inspection by the Province. I do not stay to demonstrate that a well-ordered system of inspection is the right hand and eye of a public school system, since it is equally necessary whether the pecuniary grarantees of which I speak be provided or not, and since the provisions of Section 13 of the Manual of the Common Schools Acts, and Regulation 42 of the Board of Education, manifestly contemplate such a system of inspection as is required to secure the object immediately under consideration:-
Sec. 13.-From and after the period of five years from the time this Act goes into force, the Provincial aid to Teachers and Assistants, qualified and employed as aforesaid, shall be regulated in part according to the class of license, and in part according to the quality of the instruction given in the School as determined by the semi-annual examination of pupils by an Inspector, as follows: For the School year, or rateably as above, Male Teachers of the first class, one hundred and ten dollars; of the second class, eighty dollars; of the third class, sixty dollars: Female Teachers of the first class, seventy dollars; of the second class, fifty dollars; of the third class, forty dollars: in addition, each Teacher whose School shall be reported by the Inspector, in respect of quality of instruction, as entitled in any half year to the first rank, shall receive for the half year at the rate of forty dollars per year; the second rank, at the rate of twenty-five dollars; the third rank, at the rate of ten dollars, or rateably as above: each such Assistant shall receive a sum equal to one-half the grants to Teachers.

Frobe the Regonations of the Board.-The sum placed at the disposal of the Board of Education for Inspectors' salaries is insufficient to secure the services of professional Teachers for the office. It is believed that the interests of education will be best promoted by the employment of Inspectors, for a limited period, chiefly in the work of making practically known to the people the provisions of the law, the steps to be taken to secure its advantages, the requirements respecting school accommodation, the careful and proper adjustment of boundaries, and in short, all matters necessary to enable every District to become so familiar with correct modes of procedure as to ensure the regular support of schools. As soon as this condition is reached, the work of inspection proper will require special attention, and demand professional qualifications for its successful discharge, as contemplated by the following Regulation:-
Uniforar oertification of candidates for Inspectonsilms. - In viow of the operation of Section 13 of the Law, all candidates for the office of Iaspector thereunder shall have taught for a period of at least three years, and shail have obtained a license of the Grammar School Class in accordance with Regulations 30 and 31 ; and upon appointment to office, each Inspector shall spend one term at the Provincial Training School, or such time as the Board of Education may requive, with a view to a more perfect acquaintance with the methods of School Management and Teaching to be employed in the schools of the Province.-Rcg. 42.

Taking it for granted that the schools of a population not exceeding 40,000 will be assigned to each Inspector in the discharge of the duties contemplated by Sec. 13 of the Law, I shall briefly outline the manner in which they may be periodically classified in respect of the Quality of work done in them. I would group all school subjects under two heads,Duligatory and Optional. The obligatory subjects would be (say) such as reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, geography, composition, and English grammar. The optional subjects would include all others now taught in our schools, with the elements of vocal music, industrial drawing, and physical science.

The Board of Education would adjust and publish a programmo of proficiency in obligatory subjects, and another in optional subjects. I am aware of the difficult and responsible task involved in the preparation of these programmes; but it is practicable. The great point to be had in mind is to save the programme from stimulating mechanical teaching, to grasp subjects vitally and not by mere externals, and to lift principles to the surface, and not-mere forms. To entitle any school to be classed at all, not less than 75 per cent. of the number of pupils on each class-roll should be presented for inspection. To entitle a school to the first rank 65 per cent. should pass in the obligatory subjects, and an equal per centage of those engaged with optional subjects should pass in two subjects of this programme,-it being obligatory to teach tro of such subjects (if the condition of the school permitted, ) but the teacher havirg the option as to which two they shall be. Only one text in physical science should be allowed in any term. If only 50 per cent. of any class (of pupils) passed in two subjects, a school should be entitled to be placed in the front rank if the number of passes averaged 65 for the school. But if this partial failure were repeated in the same subjects in another class (of pupils), the school
should not rank as first even if eligible in all other respects, because this repented double failure would argue inefficient teaching of these subjectz.

To entitle a school to the secoutd rank, 50 per cent. should be required instead of 65 , and one subject from the optional programme. Repeated double failure, on the basis of 25 per cent. instead of 50 , to disqualify the school for second rank, even if otherwise entitled to it.
To entitle a school to the third rank, 40 per cent. of enrolled pupils should be required to pass in the obligatory subjects, and repeated double failure out and out, in any two subjects, should preclude the school from classification.

The number of passes in each subject, multiplied by 100 , divided by the number on the class-roll, gives the per centage of passes in that subject; and the mean of these per centages gives the standard according to which the rank of the School would be determined. The outline I have now given is, of course, to be understood as merely approximate. The plan I have suggested is framed expressly with the view of avoiding the evils which educationists too truly, in my opinion, allege inhere in the English plan. The foremost teachers in Scotland assured me that the chief objection now existing in that country to the English plan, was that it ignored the correlation of the various subjects of study, and virtually baured the way to the employment of the most successful methods of dealing with the fundamental subjects. Experiment after experiment has been made, and it has been shew, beyond all question, that schools confined to the study of the three R's make less progress in these subjects in the same period of time than those having a more liberal course of study. There is abundant proof that the soundest instruction in the essential branches is compatible with an extended course of instruction in other subjects. The plan outlined does not countenance the notion that a dry mechanical knowledge of any brancl. is the thing to be sought after, but it does assume three important things: -First, that good teachers can so inform the minds of their pupils that these pupils shall be able readily to command their knowledge and set it forth; secondly, that competent men can be had to perform this work of fairly testing the knowledge possessed and valuing the knowledge exhibited. by any given number of pupils; and thirdly, that the central authority shall watch with untiring vigilance the inception, growth, and maturing of the whole system. These assumptions are warrantable ones, and are obviously involved in the provisions of the 13th Section of the Law.

The outline I have now given indicates the general system of school work and supervision which must in a few years result from the operation of the Common Schools Act. I now return to the consideration of the pecuniary guarantees to teachers, in view of illhealth or old age, and which may be so grafted on the school system at this point as to contribute powerfully towards securing the permanent employment of the best teachers. I respectfully submit that the Board of Education should be empowered toannex to the terminal payments provided by Section 13 the following Speciar Pecuniary Guarantees to Teaceers, in the cuent of loss of health in the service, or disability from old age:

1. A School (or Department) passing in the first, second, or third rank, shall entitle the teacher to a yenily allowance from the Board of Education equal to the following amount, per year, for every year of service performed under this guarantee :-
Mares.
First Rank $\$$
Second Rank $\$$
Third Rank $\$$

Females.
First Rank $\$$
Second Rank $\$$
Third Rank \$

When the series of passes made includes different Ranks, the proportiounte average amount affised to these different Ranks shall form the yenrly unit; but when the whole series of inspections of a school (or schools) taught by any teacher shews less than seventy-five per cent. of passes in some Rank, there shall we no eloim to the special pecuniary guarantee, until this per centage is restored.
2. A Teacher who shall have tnught for $\Omega$ period of at least five years, on an average, in each district in which he or she has been employed under this guarantee, and the whole series of inspectious of whose schools shews seventy-five per cent. of passes in the First Rank, shall be eutitled to receive a yendy allowance from the Board equal to the following amount per year, for every year of service performed hereunder : Nale Teacher \$-, Female Teacher \$-.
It is specially to be observed that the Rank of the School has no legal connection with the Class of the Teacher, but is wholly dependent upon the Quasiry of the work professed by the School, under the operation of an Obligatory and Optional programme of instruction. This leaves ample room and verge for the recognition of every form of teaching ability, and affords no shelter for talented indolence.
It is my conviction that the suggestions offered include in essence, and must evolve in operation, a fulness of sound results far beyond what the first blush of the subject might disclose. I shall briefly attempt to put these suggestions to the test. And in doing so, I wish anew to direct attention to what it is we wish to accomplish. It is this simply: the right education of the people of our Province,-not the right education of the few and the wrong education of the many, but a measure of the veritable thing itself for all. This is the aim, nothing more, or less, or else. Any proposition, come whence it may, that seeks incorporation into a school aystem, is to ke condemned, if it can be shewn that its operation will not always and ever be a means to this end. But if it fairly passes this test, it is genuine, and all should unite for its incoming and welcome. Do, then, the two suggestions $I$ have ventured to offer in behalf of a teaching profession in this Province so touch the complex sources of School life as to evoke concurrently all the forces of the school organism in the spread of sound education? I think a satisfactory reply to this crucinl question may be rapidly outlined:

For the Province to demand specific qualifications as the basis of conferring authority to teach, involves the determination by the Province of the nature of these qualifications, the ensuring of suitable facilities for their
attainment, and the careful examination by comperent persons of all applicants for license. Thus, at one stroke, scholastic and professional preparation is quickened over the whole country, and quickened for all time.

Persons who are not capable of demonstrating a reasonable degree of fitness for the work of teaching will not seek to enter upon it, or seeking, will be debarred. Young men and young women of good parts observe that the Province has work for them to do,-work which she impressively declares to be of great moment, and which unqualified persons will not be commissioned to undertake; and their sympathies are enlisted in this department of the public service.

There is ever being born into the community a host of true souls, such as real teachers are made of, who are ready to renounce the prospect of becoming wealthy, for the salke of doing service in a great and worthy cause. All that is needed is the public assurance that the material wants of themselves and theirs shall be provided for in a manner tolerably in keeping with the functions to be discharged. Let this class of persons once know that the Province is pledged to make public declaration of the quality of the teacher's work, and that those who do good work can devote their lives to it without being exposed to distress and want in their days of weakness and old age, and the Province will have their services in the school rooms of the land. And let me here remark, that the special pecuniary guarantees which I have suggested are not pay for the services done, but simply the removal of an obstacle which would have prevented the service being done; and the recognition of the importance and value of the service.

To keep the door of the profession wide open for the admission of the best talent of the country, and at the same time to keep another door open for the quiet withdrawal of those who, from whatever cause, are not successful teachers, is a problem that must be solved before sound education can be widely diffused. But the careful classification of all teachers by the Province, and the periodic classification of their schools under the conditions and in the manner suggested, with the accompanying guarantees, would set the door of entrance wide open, render those happy who love the work, and ever motion the remainder towards the door of exit. And just here, by way of example, I wish to put a current proposition to the touchstone of this test. Both on this Continent and in Europe a superannuated teachers' fund is thought to be a most desirable thing. In this opinion I fully concur, but not in the principle on which any fund known to me is administered. Take the Ontario fund, which illustrates a feature common to all that have come under my notice. Every teacher may pay in a certain trifling sum each year, and thereby become entitled, in the event of disability, to draw out annually a sum equal to $\$ 6$ a year for every year he has been employed. The Legislature of Ontario grants in aid of this fund some $\$ 4,000$ annually. Now, the benefits of this fund do not flow to the recipients as the recognition by the Province of the excellence of service rendered. The benefits are open to good, poor, ard indifferent teachers alike. Hence persons who lack the energy necessary to make a decent livelihood in other callings,
discover that their country's forethought has met their needs exactly. The result is, they are powerfully drawn towards 'feeping school.' They can elke out the present as well at teaching as at anything else; while the fund so thoughtfully created for the cloudy day ahead begets in them a persistent continuance in the work. The shifts of which they are capable pass comprehension. Their cxistence in the profession drives many worthy persons out of it, and leeeps more from entering it. These "specks in the garnered fruit" generate decay. Poor te :chers multiply, and the school system is weighed down with them. This is the obvious tendency of $a$ fund so administered, and unless powerfully counteracted must retard the spread of sound education among the people at large. But, unless I greatly mistake, the pecuniary guarantees I have suggested meet the very case these superannunted funds were created to meet, and on principles which pass the test. These guarantees are for excellence of work,- -excellence not of to-dny, or of to-morrow, but throughout the entire period of service. Those whose schools fail of being ranked at all, or of maintaining the minimum status, are not doing it tolerable measure of the educational work required. The publication of this fact by the Province withholding the pecuniary guarantees given to others, must result in stimulating such teachers to diligence and effort, or in causing them to make room for better teachers. The migratory hajits of tenchers can also be effectively checked by the aperation of these guarantees, so far as it is desirable to check them.

I think I have sufficiently indicated the far-reaching character of the simple suggestions I have offered, and shown their adaptation to the end in view. I am impressed with the thought that the administration of the entire school system of the Province should be regulated by a few fundamental principles within the comprehension of all, yet so gathering up into themselves every detail and directing the application of every force, that the operation of the system in every part shall unceasingly proclaim that the sole object sought is the widest diffusion of sound education.
It will be observed that the views now presented have an exclusive bearing upon our future Teachers. I see no way of creating and administering a general fund for the relief of teachers already disabled, or who will soon be superannuated, which is not open to very grave objections. Several cases deserving of relief (one being that of a teacher who has faithfully taught upwards of forty years in New Brunswick), have been presented to the Board of Education during the past year. But the Board has no power to grant any aid. It appears to me that the most satisfactory mode of meeting the cases that now exist, and those which may arise before any such general plan as that which I have outlined could beccme operative, would be for the Legislature to empower the Board of Education to deal with each case on its merits, and to grant such relief as the Board may think deserven. No general provision, applicable alike to all cases, would be wise, since, I am bound to say, I have reason to believe there would be some applicants who are wholly undeserving of any aid. I trust this recommendation may be favorably considered by the Legislature. - From the Chief Superintendent's Report.

## PROCEEDINGS AT THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Tue Teacmens' Instriture, convened at Fredericton on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of July, 1875, by the Cumer Superintendent, was intended primarily for the benefit of the Teachers in York and Sunbury Counties, but was open to all others from any part of the Province. The place of meeting was the 'Temperance Hall, which had been prepared for the purpose by the introduction of blacklooards and of eighty single desks and chairs, arranged on either side of the platform, for the accommodation of the pupils of the Model Schools. There were three Sessions each day, as follows:-10 a.m. to $12 \mathrm{~m} . ; 3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; and $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
The names and residences of all the teachers present were registered by the Secretary to the Institute, Herbert C. Creed, Esq., M. A., and the roll was called at the commencement of each Session. At the close of the Secretary's Report will be found a classified list of all the teachers in attendance.

# REPORT <br> BY <br> F. C. Creed, M. A., Secretary. 

## FIRST SESSION.

At the appointed hour Theodore H. Rand, Esq., D.C.L., Chief Superintendent, opened the Institute with an address on The Progress of Education under the Common Schools Act, and the incrcased Responsibilities of Teachers. The following is an outline of the address:

Three years having passed since the passage of the "Common Schools Act," it is fitting, as an introduction to the work of this Institute, that we review the progress made and the position at which we have arrived in relation to Common School Education. We shall consider
I. Some of the provisions of the present Law and Regulations.
(1) The distinctive feature of the Act of 1871 is Assessment as the mode of supporting schools. The permissive enactment of 1857 was, to a great extent, inoperative. While the general introduction of assessment by the present Act, awakened opposition, it also excited a new and powerful interest on the part of the people.
(2) The most important part of the Public School moneys is raised by District Assessment, - the Law permitting the majority of the rate-payers, duly assembled, to devote the property of the people for the support of schools. In this way provision is made not only for the Teacher's salary, but for the building of School-honses and for all kinds. of equipment.
(3) Assistance to Poor Districts. Dr. Ravp called attention particularly to the operation of the enactments on this behalf. It would be the fault of the people of such Districts if, by means of the additional Government allowance to the Teacher and the special aid from the County Fund, they were not in a position to have good schools. In all Districts, local exertion determines whether there shall be suitable school privileges.
(4) The provisions in relation to Local Officers were next considered, and the advantages of having a Board of Trustees for each District were shown. While personally favorable to the system of Parish Trustees, he thought the time had not yet come for such an arrangement. The present system brings the management of school affairs within the knowledge and the influence of the inhabitants $c^{\circ}$ whe District, and under it, the opinions and wishes of parents are fairly represented.
(5) General Supervision. This is well provided for at present by means of the County Inspectors. But, that the service may be performed in the best possible mamer, and adapted to the condition and wants of the country, particularly in view of the operation of the 13th Section of the Act, it is provided that, after a certain time, the office of Inspector shnll be held only by men whose literary and professional qualifications, are at least equal to those required of the highest grade of teachers. Probably the efficiency of the service may also be increased by the aggregation of territory under a smaller number of Inspectors.
II. The General Results from the operetion of these provisions.

From their non-operation very unplearant results have followed. Most of the difinculty and the hostility has been due to this cause. Our School system has encountered not only the ordinary amount of opposition, such as every new system may be expected to meet; lut the opposition has been of a mixed character, - local and general, religions and irreligious, civil and ecclesiastical. Apart from the obvious and important adrances secured by the grading of Schools, the results of the present improved system may be seen in the following among other particulars:
(1) Attendance. There has been great adrancement both in the number of children at school and in the regularity of attendance. For 40,000 pupils in the public schools in 1871, we had 60,000 in 1874. At the present time, in all ordinary Districts, we have reached very nearly a normal standard of attendance This shows the perfect adaptation of the system to a country like this. If this be the case while the country is still sparsely settled, we hare a surety of increasing success as the ponulation increases and the resources of the country are developed.
(2) School-houses. A large number have been built and a still grenter mumber repaired or enlarged. Most of the Districts working under the Law are now provided with good buildings for school purposes. This is an index of the educational sentiment of the comununity; while the assistance rendered by the Department in furnishing plans, elevations, and working drawings, free of expense, is an expression of the sentiment of the law-makers of the Proviuce as to the vital necessity of the most complete provisions for public education.
(3) Internal equipment. In this respect, especially as to fumiture, there has been a very marked improvement.
(4) Text-books. The Board has given much attention to the selection and preparation of such books as seemed best adapted for use in our schools. We now have a uearly complete series of text-books in the different subjects of instruction, whose excellence is generally acknowledged. Teachers can appreciate the importance of this matter. While the good teacher can do much without text-books, yet after all, upon their excellence his success is largely depenilent.
(5.) There has been great advancement in reference to the Position of

Teachers. Salaries have largely increased; but an accurate comparison cannot be made, as the facts are not obtainable previous to the last two years. It is a fact, however, that the rverage Salary of teachers in New Brunswick to day exceeds the average in Nova Scotia and in Ontario.

Again, under exi ting arrangements, the social and public position of the teacher is rightly conditi med. Under the old system the teacher had to interest himself largely in soliciting and collecting his salary. The lowering tendency of this is evident. All this is chauged now. The tencher is a public officer, and certain public officials become responsible for his engagement and his salary. Teachers to day have in their own hauds the status and the elevation of their profession. No one will lose caste now because engaged in tenching.
III. The Increased Responsibilities of I'cachars, arising out of our present Position.

There are respongibilities in relation to the pupils, to the trustees, to the community at large and to the profession. Upon the last point chiefly, Dr. Rand said, he proposed to speak at this time.

He remarked that there is in this Province to day no bona-fide Teaching Profession techmically so called. We shall not reach that point till we nie all earnestly and actively engaged in endeavors to improve our position individually and collectively. Here the speaker dwelt upou the importance of continual self-improvment. To be really professional, we must be well qualified for om work. 'inere are
(1) Personal Qualifications. The teacher should be neat in person, courteous in bearing, polite in manners, above meamess in all his conduct. He should have "sweetness and light," and the power of a christian character.
(2) Literary Qualifications. Show me a teacher who has stopped studying, and I will show you one who has stopped groving. The teacher's lnowledge should not be limited to the subjects with which his duties require him to deal. Every one should have always some subject of study apart from his regular worl, to which he shall coustantly turn for recreation and recuperation.
(3) Professional Qualifications. The teacher should be practically acquainted with the most improved methods of teaching. Here the Cmer Supermtendent informed his hearers that he would place in their hands printed slips containing useful Maxims of Mctiod, and asked that they should test all principles laid domn and every exercise introduced at this Institute, by reference to these Maxims.

Professional qualifications may be cularged and enriched
( $m$ ) By making ourselves acquainted with the literature of the profession. Every teacher should know what such meu as Comenius and Pestalozzi and Arnold and Pare and Curie hare said.
(b) By meetings of teachers for consultation and discussion. Regular but not too frequent meetings are desirable,-say of all the teachers in a town, or those of adjacent districts. It should be no hardship to any teacher to devote time to such meetiugs. Their benefits are obvious.

To be professional, teachers should know all about the coustruction and manarement of the school-house, -all about the preparation nad care of the school-grounds,-all about methods of teaching and of discipline. They should be practically acquaiuted with what might be called the drudgery as well as the higher part of the work.

Many present were doubtless more than merely paid officers: they had their work at heart. Such should consider the importance of fixity of purpose and fixity of location. The evils of the migratory habits of teachers were pointed out. Teachers, however, were not themselves always to blame for their frequent removals. The practice was a thermometer of public sentiment.

After briefly reviewing the positions taken, Dr. Rand asserted that all the educational provisions exist ultimately for the child-yet some teachers seem to think the school-system exists chiefiy for them. This principle is true, for instance, in relation to Holidays and Vacations. The time devoted to these intervals of relaration should be just such as may be best for the children and such as shall euable the teacher to do the best for them. The principle is also applicable in relation to time-tables, recesses, nooning, school terms, salaries, and the structure of school-houses.

It was for the teachers to demonstrate to the people, by their worle, the power of education: otherwise the idea could never be lodged in the popular mind.

What, the lecturer asked, had Education doue for us?-for our country? for other countries? The prosperity of the country depended upon its industry, its intelligence, its morality. For the promotion of these, the system of public education was established.

In conclusion, the Chief Supemntendent called upon his hearers to be wue to the duties of the hour.

The subject of $P$ hysical and Vocal Everciscs was then introduced by Dr. Raxd, who, iu a few words, met some of the objections that had been made against devoting time to these matters in school, -and indicated in a general way, the beuefits derivable from the use of such exercises. We must, he said, recognize and care for the physical as well as the intellectual. To give attention to proper carriage of body, symmetry of form, development of voice and general health, is a part of our duty as teachers of youth.

He then amonnced that series of lessous on this subject would be given by Miss Auice Clank, one of the teachers of Fredericton, whe had spent the past winter at the School of Oratory in Boston, and H. C. Cueed, Esq., IN. A., of the Provincial Training School. These lessons and exercises would be of assistance to many teachers in preparing them to make use of the prescribed Manual.

Miss Clark then occupied fifteen minutes with exercises intended to promote a proper carriage of the body,-prefacing them with suitable introductory remarks.

The Teachers in attendance were then enrolled, under the direction of the Secretary, mumbered blauk forms being distributed, to be filled up by each one with his or her name and residence. From these as register was afterwards made up, and the roll was called at the commencement of each succeeding Session.

At the same time each Teacher was fumished with a copy of the Programme of S'ubjects, nud a slip containing the following

## MAXIMS OF METHOD.

1. The development of the faculties is more important than the acquisition of knowledge; each should be made amriliary to the other.
2. The method of Nature is the pattern of all methods, and especially of the method of learning langrages.
3. Exercise is the condition of development; and doing, of complete knowleds
4. The utimate objects of the study should always be kept in view, that the end be not forgotten in pursuit of the means.
5. The menus ought to be consistent with the end.
6. In the beginning of the study, only one difficulty should be enconntered at one time; and an accumulation of difficulties should be avoided in subsequent stages.
7. The mind should be impressed with the iden before it takes cognizance of the sign that represents it.
8. Instruction in the unknown is to be reached by means of the known; the complex, through the simple; the abstract, through the concrete; synthesis, through analysis.
9. Example and practice are more efficient than precept and theory.
10. The protracted exercise of the faculties is injurious: a change of occupation reuews the energy of their action.
11. Every scudy should be made interesting in itsolf or in its results, as a means of securing the attention.
12. In a class, no learner should be idle, and the method pursued should be such that le:rners of different degrees of advancement shall derive equal advantage from the exercise.

## SECOND SESSION.

The Cimef Superintendent addressed the Teachers on First Stepe in fieading, and illustrated his views by exercises with the Primary Department of the Model Schools.

Frrst Steps in Readng.-Though some present, he said, may not have to do directly with this department of work, yet to understand the subject thoroughly is desirable for all. The importance of first steps is obvious. Early impressions and practices are of vital moment.

1. What is the object in view in the first stayes of teaching Reading? It is to euable the child to apprehend thought through visible symbols, and to vocalize those symbols to the ear in a natural manner.

The end in view should largely determine the method to be employed. We aim to reach the umknown through the medium of the known. What is the known in this case? The child can utter thought,-can talk, can converse in little sentences. That is the linown. Now we can teach the child to recognize the visible expression of the utterances he makes. Shall we then endeavor to lead the claid at once to read the sentences which he speaks? Yes, just that. Shall we not begin with single words, and when enough words are learned, then put them together in sentences? That is not the natural method. How does the little one begin to learn to talk? The mother tallis to it,-not in letters,-not in syllables,-not in single words,-but in easy sentences. These the child soon begins to understand. It is of no use to attempt analysis in any thing, till we have something to amalyse. The thought as a whole comes before its parts: so should the visible expression of the thought precede the analysis of that expression.
2. What should be ihe character of the subject-matter 9
(1) It must be such as is within the range of the child's sympathies. (2) The language muat be such as the child is familiar with. (3) The lesson must be about some one thing; that is, it must have unity,

It will be found that the lessons in our prescribed Primer meet these requirements.
3. The advantages of the plan recommended.
(1) The child is, from the first, brought face to face with thought, as the heart of language.

There is a great gulf to be passed-a complete transition to be made,from the oral to the written or printed. To place the child at once where he finds the written to be only the visible expression of the oral, is to save him from the bevilderment and from the irksomeness of a meaningless drill, which result from the common method. He should never know anything else, on this subject, than that what he is after is the thought.
(2) Only one mechanical difficully is encountered at one time. The difficulty is for the child to learn to connect the sign with the idea. He must come to recognize by means of form, the sentence which he already understauds and uses. This the child does constantly in pictures. Having never seen an clephant, he yet learns that a certain picture represents the large animal he has heard mentioned by that name.
In teaching by the sentence metliod, we proceed from the whole to its parts. In order to teach the words, or any word in a sentence, we may transpose the words in various ways (consistent with the expression of thought), thereby fixing the children's attention upon them individually.
(3) On this plan, the childircads, from the first, naturally, as he would speal. "School tones" are avoided. It is not creditable to us that such tones exist, and that the phrase is current.
Dr. Rand said he did not plead for this, as the quickest method. The quickest is not always the best. But at the same time le believed it to be unequalled in the rapidity of its results, and he referred to the experience of a teacher who had used several methods.

He pointed out the admirable adaptation of our prescribed books and cards, for instruction by this method.
Speaking of the alphabetic method, the Superintendent asked if any one could tell him what was the object in teaching a, b, c, d, \&c. A gentleman replied that the object of most teachers was to incorporate them afterwards into words. "But why spend so much time," asked Dr. Rand, "in teaching them the namcs of the letters?" He pointed out the uselessness of it, and gave examples. For instance, see a tee is not cat, and the child can never know it to be cat until he is told.
Some may object that while the sentence method will do very well tor a beginning, there is no progress in it. But we do not stop there. The child has been taught to read as he speaks-i. e. fluently, with expression-from the very first lesson. That has been the one thing set him to do. It is a delight for him to read his little lessons, and his tones of voice leave no room to doubt that he has made the thought his own,-that he understands and enjoys what he reads. This is the First Step, the great step, the allimportant step. Henceforth it will be comparatively easy to hold him to the main purpose. Being now able to read the first half of the Primer, he has acquired quite an eye-vocabulary, and is well prepared for the gradual introduction of the Second Step. This consists of the phonic analysis of words, and the correlative process of word-building. These phonic exercises should either precede or follow the reading lesson proper. The latter is always to be made an exercise in the vocalization of thought. Until children are familiar with the Second Step, the names of the letters should not be used at all, and then only in oral spelling.

## Illustrative exercises by the Primary Department of the Mrodel School.

 Before the close of the address, Miss Minard's pupils had entered,led by their teacher; and had taken their seats in perfect order, where they remained perfectly quiet until called on for work. The department numbers forty-three boys and girls between the ages of five and seven years, divided into two classes answering to the first two years' course of instruetion.

Muss Mrnard, after directing the most advanced class (A) to give in print-script upon their slates formal answers, from memory, to the question "Of what use is Iron?" called up the younger pupils (class B) for a reading lesson. Entering into conversation with them about some flowers she held in her hand, she led them to use the sentence "The pink rose is pretty." This she priuted on the black-board and caused the class to read after her, simultaneously and individually, many times, while she kept their attention fixed upon the printed words. A picture of a rose was shown and the tencher drew out the distmetion between the picture and the real object. The children being required to point out the word they did not know, it sppeared that none of them knew "rose." They were then required to distinguish that word in other senteuces and among detached words printed on the board, -being called on individually to point to the word "rose" wherever they saw it. Various tests being applied, it presently became evident that the class had learned the word.

A second stage was next illustrated, -the analysis of words into their sounds;-sentences composed of short words being printed on the board, the class took word by word and uttered the elementary sounds composing them.

Several pupils in Class A were then called up to read what they had written,--after which Class B was further exercised in reading from the Cards and the Primer, -and then Class $A$ in the First Reading Book. The reading in both classes was spirited, and characterized by fiuency, pleasant tones, proper inflection and modulation of voice. All these children were taught to read ou the plau adrocated by Dr. Rasd in his address.

While the younger children were reading, the more advanced were busy writing Terminations on their slates, and now they gave a specimen of building up words from terminations. For example, the ending alye being given, the following words were orally constructed by members of the class :-kuh-ake-cake, wuh-ake-wake, sh-ake-shake, br-akebrake, mm-ake-make, etc.

Before withdrawing, Miss Minard, by request, caused her scholars to go through some of the physical exercises of the Prescribed Manual.

Physical Exercises.-When the children had marched out, Mrss Cuark took the platform. After renewing the Sitting and Standing Positions practised in the first lesson, sbe introduced additional exercises intended for the same purpose, with others having for their object the promotion of a proper carriage of the chest and right habits of breathing.

## THIRD SESSION.

Narrative Composmion-The Chief Superintendent commenced by saying that he proposed to treat of the practice of Narrative Composition as the complement of the Reading Lesson. He introduced his remarks by reading the following extract from the Report of the Commissioners on Middle Class Schools in England:-
"The 'human' subjects of instruction, of which the study of language is the beginning, appear to have a distinctly greater educational power than the 'material.' As all civilization really takes its rise in human intercourbe, so the most efficient instrument of education appears to be the study. which nust bears on that intercuuse, the study of human specel. Nothing appears to devclup and discipline the whole man so much as the study which assists the learner to understand the thoughts, to enter into the feelings, iw appreciate the morad judgments of others. There is nothing so opposed to true cultivation, nuthing so urreasonable, as excessive narrowness of mind; and nothing contributes to remove this narrowness so much as that clear understanding of language which lays upen the thoughts of others to ready appreciation. Nor is equal cleamess of thought to be obtainel in any uther way. Clearness of thought is bound up with clearness of language, and the oue is impossible without the other."
Tu these views Dr. Rand said he could heartily sulsseribe. It was under a strong conviction of the importance of the stady of language that he had exerted himself in having a series of Reading-Books prepared on a plan answering to that importance. He couceived that the ubject of a course of Readng Lessuns was to enable the learner to ultain in large measure the discmphe of thought necessary to a cultivated voculization of the language. It was worthy of remak that the effirt to vocalize a pussage was of itself often an amazing assistunce to the complete mastery of the thought of the passage.
He passed to cousider what is accomplished by the study and practice of Narzative Composition. It is an aid towards securing a perfect appreheusion of the thought, such as is essential to its reproduction. Every one will admit that the ability to reproduce the ideas of a passage in different forms,-in long sentences or short,-interrogatively or declaratively,-in this way or in that-implies suppleness-readiness in the use of the mother tongue. But more than this. As Sir Whlias Hannuton justly observes, one does not really apprehend a thought if one is unable to give written expression to it. This is both a test of apprehension and a powerful help to it. So in relation to form. Practically, to apprehend form sharply we must be able to imitate it by the hand. You cannot be sure that it has gone in at the eye untilit goes out at the hand.

There is an erruneous upinion abruad amung teachers, that the study of Grammar precedes the practice of Composition, and hence we have 25,000 children studying the former and only 7,000 practising the latter. This is a grave error. Grammar is the logic of speech. An English Grammar is the Common School text-book on Logic. This study is beyond the intellect of the young child. Etymology, of course, can be taught, in part, at an early stage, but it is best taught with the use of language. The study of Grammar will not give one facility in composition Practice-use - in composition will. The child composes orally. Let him practice composition with pen or pencil, as soon as he can print or write.
No one-whether old or young-can write well on a subject in which he is not thoroughly interested. Most of the existing methods of teaching composition err in laying too much stress on exercises which are purely grammatical and abstract. Not only are such exercises uninteresting to the young, but they also fail in the end which they profess to have in viers.
No amount of practice in such exercises will ever make free and vigorous writers. The only way to secure this, is to give the learner something to write with which his mind and heart are in sympathy,-something which so interests him that it makes him forget the difficulties and formalities of composition in the pleasure of telling a story. Too many rules and cautions only make the young writer nervously afraid of committing solecisms, and tend to produce a stiff and formal style.

There are few children, even of five years of age, who caumut give a connected accuunt of anything in which they have taken part; yet hew ferv buys and girls of eleven or twelve, and even older, can du the same thang in writing. And why? Chiefly because they suppuse that a cumposition exercise must be sumething big and grand-sumething to be strained after. How much better, were the teacher to say to his schulars, "Gu and write a story on your slates-write it as you would tell it to your brother or sister."
In this, as in uther arts, it is practice, under judicious guidunce, that makes perfect. The greart ubstacle to practice is the difficulty young people have in fimding material. They are generally expected to make bricks without straw. Nothing could well be more unfair in itself, or unsound in method. The task of casting ideas in the mould of sentences is of itself sufficiently trying for the powers of the pupil ; but his difficulty is made very much greater by asking him to invent the ideas as well.

The only way to overcome this difficulty is to supply the pupil with sufficient material to form the basis of his exertions. The exercise is then really composition, or builaing up; not invention or original writing.

As already intimated, uur Readers are designed to come to the aid of the teacher just here. The Reading lessuns furnish the materials, excelleut in respect of variety and adaptation. The preparation of the reading lesson should be turned to account in composition exercises. From the Second Reader upwards, questions are set to almost every lesson.
Many teachers do not see that these Questions are there chiefly for the purpose of securing the daily practice of the pupils in narrative composition. The power of questioning, both as a meaus of laying metes and bounds to general and indefinite thoughts and bringing elusive ones to bay, is well known to the skilful teacher: It lies at the foundation of tne experimental method of investigation. The first difficulty which young people meet with in attempting composition is in not knowing "how to begin;" the second is in not knowing "what to say next." The question-method shows the scholar both how to begin, and how to proceed, while it requires the construction of every sentence to be the scholar's own.
[Here are interval of fifteen minutes was allowed for a reriew, by Miss Clarie, of the Physical Excrcises previously given.]

On resuming, Dr. Rand explained the manner of using the Questions appended to the Reading lessons. He shewed that if a formal answer be written to each questiou, then the series of answers, properly connected together, would form a lucid narrative. He illustrated the method of procedure in the successive stages of practice, by means of printed specimen exercises which he had prepared for distribution among the Teachers attending the Institute. The following are the chief portions of the

> Specmanen Exercises.

## Reaking Lesson.-The Spider.

[Second Reader, p. 9.]
Questions.-What is cvery Spidor whon ho is burn? Who has taughthim? What du the masoa-spiders build? How does the garden-spider cross from place to place? What did the Spider do whon ho was put on a stick in the wator?

## Anawers.

Every Spider is a weaver when he is born. God has taught him how to do his work.

The mason-spiders build houses as large as a thimble.

When the garden-spider wishes to cross from place to place, he lete his thread float in the air. The thread takes hold of plants, or branches of trees, and the Spidor uses it as a road or bridge.

Once when a Spider was put on a stick in the water, he began to spin a long thread. He mado the end of it fast to the top of the stick. As he spun, the thread floated awhy on the wind to a tree on the shore. He then slid along the line and got to the land.

## Reading Lesson.-The Hurt Bmd.

[The reading lesson is here given in outline only.]
"Summer evening-Frank watoring his garden-Bessio sowing beside the doorthe dog Fan chases the birds-she catches one-Frank rescues it-its wing is hurthe takes it to Bessie - gives Fan a stick to play with-Bessie binds up the hurt wingbeeps the bird in a cage-in a few days it is quite well, and it sings sweetly-Frank sometimes whistles a simple tune'to it -one day the bird tried it, too-soon learned it well, and became a great pet in the house."
Questions.-Wbat kind of evening was it? What was Frank doing? Whero was Bessio? What was sho doing? What was Fan doing? What did sho catch? Who rescued it? What had hannoned to it? To whom did he tako it? What did ho give Fnn? What did Bessie do? Where did she keop it? When was it well again? What did Frauk teach it?

1. Write, in order, formal answers to the above questions.
2. From your formal unnters make a concplete story.

## 1.-Formal Answers.

The following are examples of the answers which may be expected from pupils eight years of age to the questions on the above lesson :-

It was a fine summer evening.
Frank was watering his garden.
Bessie eat beside the door of the house.
She was sewing a new frock for her doll.
Their little dog Fan ran about the garden chasing the birds.
She raught one of the birds.
Frank at once ran after her and rescued the poor bird.
He found that its wing was very much hurt.
He took the bird to his eister.
He gave Fan a stick to ploy with.
Bessie bound up the hurt wing.
She put the bird in an empty cage, which thog had in the house.
In a few days it was quite well again.
Frank taught it to sing a simple tune which he whistled to it, and it was soon a great pet in the house.

## 2.-Complete Story.

The following is an example of a complete Story, as it might be written from the formal answers (or, after a little practice, directly from the questions):-
One fiue Summer evening, Frank and Bessio had gone into the garden to amuse themsolves. Frank was watering his own littlo garden, and Bessie sat beside tho door sewing a new frock for her doll. Fan, their littlo dog, ran about the gardon chasing the birds. At last she caught one. Frank at once ran after hor, and rescued the noor bird. He found that its wing vas ver. much hurt, and he took it to Bessio. To keep Fan from coming near the bird. he threw her a stick to play with. Bessie bound up the hurt wing, and put the bird in an empty cage which thoy had in the houso. In a few days it was quite well again. and sang sweetly. Frank taught it to sing a simple tune by whistling it over to it once or twioe, and the bird soon became a groat pot in tho house.

## Letter Whitina.

(Since a letter diffors from a story or other narrative only in being (usually) writton in tho first porson, and in being addressed to a partioular individual or second nerson, any of the exercises in the Ronder many be dono in the form of letters, by introducing these two persons. 'Tho following points present but littlo difficulty:-(1) The place and date, (2) tho form of address, (3) the form of concluding, (4) the namo and place of the porson addressed.]

## Example.

Fredemcton, N. B., July 1st, 1875.

## My Dear Harmy,

I received your kind letter last week. This is $\mathfrak{a}$ holiday, o I have time to tell you all you wish to learn about my pet bird.

One evening last Summer, Bessie and I went into the garden to amuse ourselves. I was watering my own little garden, while Bessie sat beside the door sewing a new frock for her doll. Our little dog, Fan, ran about the garden chasing the birds. At last she caught one. I ran after her at once, and rescued the poor bird. I found that its wing was very much lurt, and I took it to Bessie. To keep Fan from coming near the bird, I threw her a stick to play with. Bessie bound up the hurt wing, and put the bird in an empty cage which wo had in the house. In a fow days it vas quite well again, and sang sweetly. I taught it to sing a simple tune, by whistling it over to it a fer times, and the bird soon became a great pet in the house.

Now this is a long lettor, so I shall look for a long lettor from you.

> I am, my dear Harry,
> Your affectionate Cousin,

Frake Petras.
To Harry Wmite, Chatham, N. B.

Third Reader.-For specimen Exercise, see p. IV. of Preface.

Fourty Reader. - For specimen Esercises in Letter-writing, see p. 73. Also, pp. 159, 160, Reader Ň̃. V.

Reading Lesson-The Abrazon.
[Reader No. V., p. 312.]
Questions.-Where has the Amazon its source? How far from Lima? What is the oharacter of its highor waters?. Give some idea of the great size of the valley, and of the volume of its waters? What is the length of the river? What is the region above the Rin Negro called? What is the character of tho Upper Amazon? What makes its navisation dangerous? What is the chief feature of the Lower Amazon?

## Firsir Step.-[Formal answers to the Questions.]

The Amazon has its source in a little lake in the very heart of the Cordilleras.
That Lake is about ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{ne}$ hundred and twenty miles northeast of Lims.
It is at first a comparatively small stream, flowing in a series of cataracts and rapids through rocky valleys.

Some idea of the great size of the valley of the $\Delta$ mazon may be acquired, when we roflect that more than half of Europe could be contained in its basin.

The length of the main river is not less than four thousand miles.
The region above the Rio Negro is called the Upper Amazon.
It is a magnificent wilderness, where civilized man as yet has scarcely obtaıned a footing.

During the rainy season its navigation is dangerous, as the current bears along uprooted trees, and often undermines the banks.

The chief feature of the Lower Amazon is its vast expanse of amooth water, often bearing on its bosom detached islets of floating vegetation.

## Second Step.-[Completed Narrative.]

[The formal answers are here repeated in Roman type; the additions are in Italics.]
The Amazon, the King of rivers, has its source in a little lake m the yery heart of the Cordilleras, nearly fourtecn thousand feet above the sea-level, and just below the limit of perpetual snow. That lake is about one hundred and twenty-miles northeast of Lima, the capital of Peru. It is at first a comparatively small stream, flowing in a series of eataracts and rapids through rocky valleys, till it reackes the frontier of Ecuador, at a distance of eight hundred miles from its source. Thence a vast valley, alothed with impenctrable forests, stretches castward to the far distunt Atlantic.

Some idea of the great size of the valloy of the Amazon, and of the volume of its waters, may be acquired when we reflect that more than half of Europe could be contained in its basin, and that its tributaries alone axcecd in bulk of water all the rivers of Europe put together. The length of the main river, with its windings, is not less than four thousand miles. The region above the Rio Negro, or Black River (so named from the dark coffee-colour of its waters), is enlled the Upper Amazon. It is magnificent wilderness, whero civilized man as yet has scarcely obtained a footing. The climate is healthy, in spite of the sultry atmosphere; and the vegetation is richer even than on the lowier river. During the rainy season its navigation is dangerous, as the violent current, one or two miles in width, bears along a continuous line of uprooted trees, and often undermines; the banks, which fall into the river with a terrific crash.

The chief features of the Lower Amazon is its vast expanse of smooth water, of a pale yellowish colour, often bearing on its bosom detached islets of floating pegetation, on which animals are sometimes carried out to sen.

Stith Reader.-For specimen Exercise, see pp. 18, 19.
PARAPHRASE.
Reading Lesson.-Tere last days of George III.
"He was not only sightless, he alan becamo utterly deaf. All light, all reason, all sound of human voices, all pleas res of this world, were taken from him. Some slight lucid moments he had, in one of which the queen, desiring to see him, entered the room, and found him singing a hymn, and accompanying humself at the harpsichord When he had finished, ho knelt down and prnyed aloud for her, then for his family, and then for the nation: concluding with a prayer for himself, that it might nleaso God to avert his heavy calamity from him, but if not to give him resignation to submit. He then burst into tears and his reason again fled."-Thackeray.

## Questions.

1. By what physical infirmities was the insanity of George III. accompanied?
2. From what sources of pleasure was he cut of?

## 3. Did his intelligenco ever return?

4. Who, on one of thess occasions, went into his room.
5. What was he doing as she entered?
6. That over, what did he do and for whom?
7. What did he ask for himself?

## 8. What followed?

## Asswers.

1. During his insanity, George III. became both blind and deaf.
2. From all the sweetest enjoyments of life he was hopelessly cut off;-from the pleasant sunshine without, as from the light of reason within; from the sounds of nature, as from the cheering voices of friends.
3. Sometimes, for a brief interval, his intelligence returned. -
4. On one of these occasions, his queen went into his room to seo him.
5. As she entered he was playing on the harpsichord and singing a hymn.
6. That done, he knelt down and prayed for his queen, for his family, for his people, and lastly for himself.
7. He asked that, if it pleased God, his great amliction might be removed; but, if that could not be, that ine might have submission ard patience.
8. Then came a flood of tears, and his brief lucid interval was over.

## Specimens of Extrcibes in Synonyms.

[Select a word representing a familiar iden, with its opposite. Let the pupil arrange a few synonyms under each, and write short sentences showing the proper use of each word.]

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { later. } & \text { earlier. } \\
\text { latter. } & \text { forner. } \\
\text { this. } & \text { that. }
\end{array}
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Exercise.- $\Lambda$ later train; a later ed tion; An carlier delivery. The latter of two trains, or editions. His former situntion. The difference between education and instruction is, that the former trains the mind; the latter fills it with information; that draws out and stimulates its powers; this stores and often clogs it.

## coarse. rough. rude.

Exercise.-Coarse language is the sign of a vulgar mind. Refined tasto accompanies delicacy of feeling. Manners are rough or gentle. A rough sailor; a gentle nurse. $\AA$ rough storm; a gentle breeze. liude language is a sign of ignorance; polished language, of education. A rude shock. Rudc behaviour; polished manners. $\Lambda$ polished style of writing.

After speaking upon the benefits derivable from the study of words, historically as well as etymologically, Dr. Rand observed that the majority of the teachers were deficient in this kind of knowledge. They should give attention to the subject. Let them read such works as Trench on the Euglish Language, Crabbe's Synonyms, and Angus' Hand-Book of the English Tongue.

Our profession, more than any other perhaps, tends to make narrow men. The teacher has little contact and conflict with the world of men. His dealings are chiefly with children. We, probably above all others, need the liberalizing influence of large reading,--to store the mind with food for thought,-to acquire a varied stock of information. Here Dr. Rand enlarged upon the strengthening and refining influence of an acquaintance with the great literature of our language,-the grood and the true that has been written by those whose names ennoble our history. When qualified for his work, every teacher ought to be able to make our Reading Books the means, through reproduction, by the Pen as well as by the Voice, of the thought and sentiment which they contain in such pleasing variety, of putting his pupils well on the road to the possession of their heritage in our noble English language.
Some may ask, Where shall we find the time to teach all our pupils narrative composition, as you recommend? Make the time. Devote one-quarter of that commonly set apart for Reading, to this practice of composition, and you will have better results in Reading, in addition to the training in composition thus afforded. One exercise will be the complement of the other.
Another question that some may ask is with respect to the proper place for the use of text-books in Grammar and Composition. Surely it is a grave error to place such treatises in the hands of pupils kefore they are tolerably in possession of the langunge itself. Let the pupil first, by simple imitation, get the language by use,-he cannot get it in any other way. With such constant and helpful practice as has been outlined, pupils ten years of age will be sufficiently matured to study a text-book on Grammar. The exercises in the Readers should be continued. After the pupil has gone through the Grammar, in which all is based on analysis, let him study the Text-Book on Composition, where he has the complementary processthe synthesis. The latter text of our prescribed series is designed to be a Part Second of the English Grammar.

## FOURTH SESSION.

Iulustrative Exercises in Narrative Composition, by the Second Departsient of the Model School.-The pupils of Miss Tweedie's Department occupied the seats provided for them at the beginning of the Session. The school numbers 41 buys and girls, divided into two classes corresponding to the third and fuurth years of the cuurse of instruction. After introductory explanations by Dr. Rand, Miss Tweedere set her pupils to work at exercises in narrative composition, assigning to some a lesson in the Second Reader and to others a lesson in the Third Reader. Sume were to write Formal Answers, sume a Cumplete Story, while sume were tu write their narrative in the form of a Letter. The children were from seven to uine years of age, and none of them have had any lessons in Grammar.

While the children were thus employed, the Institute was engaged in Physical and Tucal Esercises, as specified belur. When the allutted time had expired, several of the pupils were called on to read their productions, in which it was pleasing to notice that while marked by clearness and correctness of statement, they also exhibited great variety in form, showing that each pupil had written independently, and not all according to one fixed model. The manner in which the children read their exercises was quite as noticeable as the excellence of the compositions. Each child was distinctly heard throughout the hall, and it was evident to every one that the pupils had an unusual command and appreciation of language. The slates were passed around, so that all present might inspect the work for themselves. In the meanwhile the pupils sang finely two of their school songs.

Prysioat and Vocat Training.-Miss Clarik explained the importance of exercises intended to strengthen the lungs and develop right habits of breathing, after which she directed the audience in the performance of a number of such exercises.

Mr. Creed then uccupied ten minutes in introducing the subject of Tuse, with simple exercises fur the production of a good quality of voice.

The Mechantcar Properties of ter Air. - A large table, covered with apparatus for the experimental illustrations of the Pruperties of the Air, occupied the front of the platform. The Ceire Superintendent introduced to the Institute W. Brydone Jack, Esq., D.C.L., President of the University, expressing, at the same time, his obligations to Dr. Jack for his assistance on this occasion, and for the deep interest he had always shumn, as a member of the Board of Elucation, in the welfare of the public schools.

Dr. JaOK on rising, expressed his admiration of the labor and enthusiasm and ability which the Chief Superintendent had brought to bear in the elevation both of our public Schools and the position of Teachers.

Addressing himself to the subject in hand, he began by indicating the general characteristics of the Atmosphere, and affirming that it possesses
the recognized properties of matter, as he proposed to prove by certain experiments.
The Impenetrability of the atmosphere was shown, 1 st, by a simple experiment with two common tumblers, and $2 n d$ by placing a burning taper on the surface of some coloured water in a large glass vessel, then inverting uver it an empty tumbler, and pressing the latter duwn, su that the light continued burning when apparently surrounded by water;-the air in the tumbler preventing the entrance of the water.
Its Weight was shown by weighing a hollow copper ball,-first when full of air, then when the air was partly exhausted, and again after a larger quantity of air had been forced into it. An experiment perfurmed three hundred and fifty years befure the Christian era, which led Aristotle to conclude that the air possessed no weight, was here explained.
The Atmospheric Pressure was illustrated by means of the bladder-glass, the pneumatic lifter, and the Magdeburg cups or hemispheres. Dr. Jacr also explained the application of the same principle to the Atmospheric Railmay, Pneumatic Mail Transport and the Mercurial Barumeter, the use of the last-named instrument for measuring the pressure of the air and the elevation above the sea level being particularly dwelt upon.

Next, the Expansion of Air when pressure is removed was beautifully shown by the muvements of small glass ballouns in a vessel of water connected with an air-pump; also by transferring water frum one vessel to another by the expansive force of the air in the former; also by a fountain of coloured water playing in vacuo.
The experiments were very successfully performed and the explanations lucid.

## FIFTH SESSION.

Method as applied to the teadimig of Number and Arimbietto.The Chef Superintendent introduced to the Institute Whi. Crooket, Esq., A. M., Principal of tere Provinclat Trainina. School, who had kindly consented to assist him at this Institute.

Mr. Croceet opened his address by referring to the fundamental principle underlying the method to be employed:--viz. That in this, as in other subjects, Nature should be our model.-Much of what he was about to say upon Number would apply equally to other subjects.
The first step is to awaken conceptions of the value of numbers. How shall we proceed? Let Nature be our pattern. What does she teach us here? The child knows objects before he has any desire to count them. Begin then with the, numbe iur $^{\circ}$ of familiar objects, such as pencils, slates, bouks, apples, beans, fingers. The ball-frame is nut indispensable,-and a variety of objects is desirable.

A common but erroneous method is as follows. Suppose we are to teach the number five. Count out 5 balls, and then ask the pupils to count out 5 balls, 5 pencils, etc. Will not the child learn the number in this way? Yes. Why then nut use this plan? Because it is not based on currect principles. It is contrary $t$ - your "Maxims." We should first awaken the idea, then give the term. The method of procedure is not unimportant.

Mr. Crocket illustrated the method of teaching the numbers up to ten, by describing it in detail as applied to the first three numbers. Each saccessive number is taught by first suggesting the idea of one more than the last number, which has already been thoroughly learned,-then giving the name of the new number,--then drilling the pupils by requiring them repeatedly to count out that number from several kinds of objects.

Having learned the numbers up to ten, the pupils must learn to operate upon them,-to add, sultract, multiply and divide.
In teaching Addition, we would proceed somewhat as follows: Q. One pen and one pen are how many pens? A. Two pens. Q. One book and one book: A. Two books. Q. One ball and one dall are how many balls? A. Two balls. Etc. Q. Then one and one are how many? A. One and one are two. Repeat this simult. and indiv. Then again-Q. One pencil and two pencils are how many pencils? A. One pencil and two pencils are three pencils. Q. One finger and two fingers arc how many fingers? A. Three fingers............Q. Then one and two are how many? A. One and two are three. Q. One and two are-? A. Three. Repeat as before. Proceed in the same way with 2 and 2,3 and 2,4 and 2 , etc., up to 8 and 2 ; then 1 and 3,2 and 3,3 and 3 , and so on up to 7 and 3. Thus continue, with continual review and drill, until the children can add readily any numbers whose sum does not exceed ten.
Subtraction would be treated in a similar way and we need not occupy time with it here.
How shall we hegin Multiplication? This is always the difficulty-how to begin. Multiplication must be based upon Addition, for that is the natural way. The following is a specimen of the method of questioning: Set off troo balls on one wire of the ball frame and two on another; then-
Q. How many balls are here? A. Two balls. Q. How many do you say? A. Two. Q. And how many are here? A. Two. Q. Howmany twos are here? A. Two twos. Q. Two twos are how many? No answer. Count. Two and two (pointing to each pair) are-一? A. Four. Q. How many are here altogether? A. Four. Q. And how many twos are there? A. Two twos. Q. Then two twos are how manys Q. Two twos are four. This should be repeated and printed on the board. The nest step would be to do the same with three twos, four twos, and so on, always requiring the pupils to ascertain for themselves how many the number amounts to, by adding thus:--two and two and two are six. After the line of twos has been learned, we would proceed in the same manner with threes, fours and so on. On setting off say four threes, the tencher should not first ask, how many are four threes; but, How many threcs? After each exercise, practical questions should be given.
What question should be put in order to lead the pupils to understand the nature of Division? Many would be at a loss to know how best to interrogate. Let us take an example.

If I have 6 apples, to give two each to several boys, to how many boys can I give the:r. The boy will take away 2 , then 2 more, then the remaining 2 . so he sees there will be thrce boys. Division must be reached through Subtraction. After what has been said, the method need not here be detailed.
Now, how have we in the mean time been +eaching the children to symbolize or write down numbers? Not by figures: evidentis by strokes, thus:

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& \text { Addition, ... ... ||| and |||are|||||. } \\
& \text { Sudtraction, ... |||||less||aro|||. } \\
& \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{H}} \text { utiplication,... ||||||are|||||. }
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The signs,,$+-=, X$, sc. should not be used till the necessity for them is felt.
When it becomes necessary to twach the mode of expressing nambers more shortly, we must begin with strokes, which the children know, and show the signs or figures that are used instead ; in this way, for exar lle:-


The cipher may be introduced by asking-If $I$ have 4 apples and you take 4 of them away, how many shall I have left 9 Nonc. How can we writc the number I have left 9 Tell them we write 0 and call it naught.
To teach numbers higher than ten we would proceed in the same way as before:-Ten, and another one, .... Name? .... Give it. .... Ten and two, ... Name? ...., and so on. Ten and another ten-_two tens .... Name 9 .... Threc tens, three tens and one, and so on.

The mode of teaching to write 10 and higher numbers was next shown by Mr. Crociet. The following may serve as an outline.
Talke objects of two kinds, as pens and pencils, and show that if Jolunie has 3 pens and 1 pencil, Charley 2 pens and 4 pencils, and Franls 1 pen and 2 pencils, we may write down what they all have in this way:

| Pens. | Pencils. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 1 | 2 |

We place all the pens in one column and all the pencils in another. Take other examples, as apples and oranges, boys and girls. Then take an example introducing tens and oncs and draw from them the manner of writing it down in columns. The nest step is to remove the dividing lines, then remove the names, then write the figures close together, leading the children, at each step, to see that the meaning is still the same.

| Tens. Ones. | Tens. | Ones. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |
| 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 21 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 53 |
|  |  |  | 10 |  |

Brief esplanations were also givan of the method of proceaure in teaching to add and subtract numbers consisting of two or more figures.

Inuostrative Exfrouses by the Pronary Departhent of the Model Schoor.-Mrss Mrnard, having brought her pupils in and assigned work to the advanced class at their seats, gave a lesson or Addition and Multiplication to the janior class,-very successfully illustrating the method described by Mr. Crociet. The cla,ses were then changed and Class A received a specimen lesson in Multip'ıcation and Division. After a fer remarks by the Cher Supernitendeiv, the children withdrew, exhibiting as they went out their manner of marching with arm-movements and singing.

Vocar Traning. - Miss Cuari then took up the subject of Articulation, . and conducted the Teachers through certain excellent exercises adnpted to impart flexibility and accuracy to the movements of the jaw and lips.

Industriaf Draming.-Dr. Rand stated that it had been intended to have, at this Session, 8 lesson on Form, given by Mies Minand to her pupils; but it was omitted for want of time.

He took this occasion to speals of the development of the study of Form in what is called Industrial Drawing. He described the arrangements existing for the teaching of this subject in the Schools of Fredericton, and said he looked for good results. While objection might fairly be made against the introduction into the Common Schools, of Drawing and Painting as picture making, yet Industrial Drawing, (including the free-hand delineation of forms, geometrical drawing and designing, ) was a branch of study of very great value, not only in view of its pracijcal uses but also of its adaptability as an educative agency. This phase of Drawing was of great importance to all the pupils of our schools. The attention of the British Parliament was, about thirty years ago, called to the fact that Great Britain was falling behind France and Belgium in respect to the mechanical arts. A Commission was appointed to enquire into the causes. From their report it appeared that the deficiency on the part of the English artisans was largely due to the want of proper means of instruction in the delineation of Form. In Belgium, industrial drawing was taught in the schools. In consequence of the representations made by this Commission, measures were taken to introduce the study into the English common schools, and special institutions for instruction in this and hindred branches were also estab-lished,-such for instance as those at South Kensington and Leeds. If in the lower grades one-third of the time, and in the more advanced one-half of the time, now deroted to writing copies, be set apart for regular practice in the elements of Industrial Drawing, both the penmanship of the scholars will be improved and their equipment for the needs of daily life.

The Chef Strembitendent then called upon Mr. J. L. McInnis, Principal of the "Park Barrack" Schools, Fredericton, to stato briefly the results of his experience in the teaching of this subject.

Mr. McImns said that few or none of the pupils knew anything of Drawing when it was introduced into the schools last Autumn. They had to begin at the first steps and proceed very gradually. First, straight lines were learned through such examples as occurred in the school-room. The children learned to draw straight lines in different positions,-to make them of any given length,-to divide them into equal parts. They fist practised single lines, whether straight or curved, before combining them. Much practice was required before the pupils coald draw curves well in all positions. Simple forms must be practised before the more complex. In the schools under his charge, Mr. McInnis thought there were not three per cent. of the pupils who were unable to reproduce forms, and master drawing, more readily than they could master writing.

## SIXTE SESSION.

The Construction of Tine-Tables.-The Chief Supernntendent read the Regulation [22, (11)] relating to Time-Tables, and staied that nome teachers had made inquiries and complaints concerning this Regulation, considering it as a hard one,-as making a severe demand apon them. The fault, however, was not in the Regulstion but in the very nature of tue teacher's work. Some thought the Board of Education ahould arrange a

Time-Table and publish it for the use of teachers. This, in the nature of things, could not be done: the Board was not acquainted with the special circumstances of each school. All that could properly be done was to indicate the principles which should regulate the construction of Time-Tables. The Principal of the Training School had very kindly undertaken to treat of this important subject.

Mr. Crocher said there must be an adherence to principles in this as in all other professional matters. Many evils arise in school from a want of profitable employment. How to arrange the work so as to lreep all suitably employed all the time is the question to be considered. Suppose a teacher taking charge of a miscellaneous school. He must first ascertain what the pupils know. He finds that a number have the same attainments, others difter from these in knowledge but are about the same among themselves. This suggests the necessity for classification. The question axises, Shall $\Omega$ pupil be placed in a class a little in advance of him or in one of which he is a little in advance? This will depend upon age, mental development, capability to advance, etc Suppose we are to liave five classes,-the highest practicable number: Shall we classify the pupils according to their attainments in one sulject, - Reading, for example-or according to their average attainments? Evidently the latter, but we must make Einglish langunge and Arithmetic the basis of classification. Four classes in Reading are enough. If a rew require to study Geometry or other advanced Mathematics, it should be attended to before or after school hours. In considering the proportionate time to be ailowed for different subjects, Mr. Crochet said that three-fifths of the whole time should be devoted to Reading, including regular practice in narrative composition, Arithmetic, and Writing with Industrial Drawing. The maximum time allowed for each day's work is six hours, and for advanced schools that is not too much: for many schools, five hours daily may be preferable, -and for the very yourgest children four hours.

Again, the nature of the subjects must ive taken into account in making our arrangements. Some subjects require more time than others. Some exercise the memory chiefly, others the reason and judgment, and so on. There should be variety or suitable changes in the character of the studies.

Reviewing and summing up what he had said, the lecturer laid down five main points to be considered in the arrangement of $a$ Time-Table :-
(1) The classification of the pupils. (2) The relative importance of the subjects. (3) The time at disposal. (4) The nature of the lessons. (5) The order of the lessons.

It was a part of Mr. Crocser's plan to exhibit upon the black-board in tabular form, the several steps to be taken in the elaboration of a TimeT: hle. With a view, however, of presenting not only these steps but also a specimen Time-Table, as well as of economizing time and farmishing the Teachers a better opportunity of carefully studying the same, the Cmer Superintendent announced that he would publish them in the SeariAnnoal Cracular, promising tr insert therewith some Daily Programmes. These Tables are accordingly presented below.

Physicat and Vooar Exercises.-Dr. Rand requested Mr. Creed to occupy \& few minutes. Some of the physical exercises were reviewed, followed by further practice in dirticulation, on the plan of "cutting out" the final consonant sounds of words with great precision.

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TIME-TABLE AND DAILY PROGRAMME.

[First Step.]-The Subjeots of Study, $8 \%$
(1) Reading and oral Spelling, Narrative Composition (including letterwriting) and Recitation of English prose and verse, from the Readers.
(2) Dictation exercises, \&c.
(3) Printing or Print Script and Writing.
(4) Form or Industrial Drawing.
(5) Arithmetie (with hindred branches as the udvanced class becomes prepared for them).
(6) Oral Ľssons:-Morals and Manners, \&c., (Reg. 22), Useful Knowledge, Natural History, Natural phenomena.
(7) Geography and History, alternately.
(8) English Grammar, Text-Book of English Composition:
(9) Singing and Physical Exercises,
(10) Recesses.
(11) Opening, Roll Calls, and Closing of School.
[Second Step.]-Weekly and Daily Allotment of Tram.

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For a School having Two Classcs, embracing no pupils in Primer Work.
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10 m. Map-Sketch'g on slates and blackb'ds.
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The Experinentat Methods of Investigatton.-Dr. Rand introduced to the Institute Proftsson Thoarns Harnison, LL. D., who had cheerfully responded to his invitation to address the Institute on the Experimental Afethods of Investigation.
The general question which the lecturer proposed to answer was this :What are the available instruments of the human mind for the advancement of knowledge? In discussing this question, Dr. Harrison disclaimed any desire to be considered original, decluring his object to be simply to lay before his hearers what he judged to be the best that had been thought and written on the subject.
Some of the instruments referred to were, he said, so familiar, that he would only mention them in summing up at the close; but with the Five Experimental Mrethods of Investigation, few probably were so well acquainted. The importance now attached to them was mainly due to the influence of Joen Stuart Mmid.
After speaking of the necessity for careful observation aided by experiment, and pointing out some of the common fallacies of observation, he went on to discuss his main subject-the Five Experimental Methods of Investigation. These were stated as follows :-

> I.-The Method of Agreenent.

Canon-If two or more instances of the phenomenon under investigation have only one circumstance in common, the circumstance in which alone all the instances agree may be regarded, with more or less of probability, as the cause (or effect) of the given phenomenon, or, at lenst, as connected with it through some fact of causation.

> II.-The Method of Difference.

Canon-If an instance in which the phenomenon under investigation occurs, and an instance in which it does not occur, have every circumstance in common save one, that one occurring only in the former; the circumstance in which alone the two instances differ, is the effect, or cause, or a necessary part of the cause, of the phenomenon.

## III.-The Method of Conconttant Variations.

Canon-Whatever phenomenon varies in any manner whenever another phenomenon varies in some particular manner, is either a cause or an effect of that phenomenon, or is connected with it through somo fact of causation.

> IV.-Tue Double Method of Agreenent.

Canon-If two or more instances in which the phenomenon occurs have only one other circumstance in common, while two or more instances from which the phenomenon is absent have nothing in common save the absence of that circumstance ; the circumstance in which alone the two sets of instances differ is the effect, or c.use, or a necessary part of the cause, of the phenomenon. Moreover (supposing the requirements of the Method to be rigorously fulfilled), the circumstance proved by the Method to be the cause is the only cause of the phenomenon.

## V.-The Method of Residees.

Canon-Subtract from any phenomenon such part as is known by previous induotions to be the effect of certain antecedents, and the residue of the phenomenon is the effect of the remaining antecedents.

As a means of deducing the first four principles and also as an illustration of their application, Dr. Harrison outlined the theoretical mode of procedure in investigating the phenomena of Dew, with the results of such investigation.

The way in which the planet Neptune was discovered was adduced as a fine example of the Method of Residues.

Coming now to the more familiar "instruments," the first named was Definition. It might safely be asserted that the whole science of Political Economy rested on deductions made from careful definitions of some seven principal terms.

The second was Classification ; and Botany and Zoology would be seen to be principally Sciences of Classification.
A third great help to the advancement of knowledge was the formation of Hypotheses. In general it was found that successive false hypotheses paved the way for the final true hypothesis.

But the greatest instrument of all was. Deductive Reasoning,-that kind of reasoning employed in the demonstrations of Euclid.

These, with certain subsidiary processes, and the five Experimental Methods of Investigation, were the only means by which we could compel reluctant Nature to reveal to us the order and the causes of her phenomena.
At the conclusion of the lecture, the Chef Suparintendent distributed to all present printed copies of the five Canons above referred to.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

Cliustrative Exercises in the Elenents or Industrint Dramena, by the Departaents of the Model School. -The children of both Departments of the Model School were at their seats, with their Teachers, at the opewing of this Session. Blackboards extending about forty feet in length, had been provided for them to draw upon.

To prepare the way for the better appreciation of their exercises, Dr. Rand explained that Industrial Drawing was introduced into all the Schools of Tredericton last November, but had been commenced in Miss Tweede's Departunent in the previous May. The pupils present, belonging to that Department, had therefore been engaged in ordinary practice, in Drawing, for a little over oue school year. He briefly described the method pursued, stating that they worked by imitation, from memory, from dictation, by enlarging, by diminution, and to some extent from original design.

Miss Minard then set her scholars to worls drawing simple figures from memory, upon their slates and the blackboard.

Miss Tweedie's Department at the same time was employed in drawing from dictation, some at the board and some on slates. A portion of the pupils afterwards drew on their slates from memory, while others drew on the board, from dictation, several figures composed of straiglit and curved lines. One boy, apart from the rest, was busy in the meantime drawing on a blackboard an original design, from elements suggested by $a$ gentleman in the audience,-namely, the maple Jeaf and the square.

After the slates had been passed around for the inspection of the Teachers, the children were marched out in order, receiving as they retired, exprepsions of well-merited approbation for the satisfactory manner in which they had perforned their part of the work of the Institute.

Physioal \& Vocal Tranneng.-The Institute was then engaged, for about twenty minutes, in exercises under the direction of Mn. Creed. After a repetition of some of those previously introduced, the subject of Vovel Sounds was taken up, the principal vowel counds distinguished and practice upon them exemplified. Inflections of the Voice wero also con-sidered,-varieties of inflection being combined with the foregoing exercise.

Elenentary Latin and Combon Schoox Teachers.-Dr. Rand stated to the Institute that Mir. G. R. Parinn, M. A., Principal of the Collegiate High School, Fredericton, had consented to occupy a portion of the time of this Session, and that he had elected to address them upon the importance of a knowledge of Elementary Latin to the Teachers of the Common Schools.

It might, Mr. Parknn said, at first sight appear that the teaching of Latin was of little interest to the Common School Teacher. But it can be shown that it is of the greatest importance, not only to the performance of his present work, but to his own elevation in his profession, and in view of the higher demands that will soon be made upon him. Any general elevation of education in the Province, such as will certainly result from our Common School System, must lead towards classical education ; because, as soon as a scholar aims at getting a higher education, he finds the Classics a regular part of the work in our higher institutions; and indeed, his admission as a student is conditional on some classical knowledge.

The present discussion may be confined chiefly to the consideration of two points: 1st. "The ways in which a knowledge of Elementary Latin is valuable to the Common School Teaciaer, in his daily work; and 2nd. Whether the requisite amount of acquaintance with Latin may be considered as fairly within the reach of the average Common School Teacher.

It may safely be said that it is impossible to teach English most effectively without some Latin knowledge. One third of cur language is taken almost directly from the Latin. In our reading we should endeavor to tap all the thought which rests in every individual word. There is nothing which so vivifies the study of English as the study of the history and derivation of words. As in the study of Nature, the trained eye sees infinitely more than the untrained; as the botanist sees numberless adaptations and beauties in every common plant; as the geologist finds food for thought in every simple rock, which to the common eye is but a blank: so in lenguage as well. We use words every day without reflecting on all the wealth of history and of meaning they contain.

To once get a school in the habit of questioning words, and drawing from them all they have to tell, is enough to bring about a revival in the school. In order to do this well, the study of roots is not enough. Roots are dead and convey but little meaning. A thorough knowledge of Latin declension, and a vocabulary of common Latin words is worth more than all the lists of roots.

For teaching English Grammar, some knowledge of Latin is exceedingly valuable. It is the experience of mony teachers that pupils possessing even a slight acquaintance with Latin have a great advantage ower others in acquiring a mastery of English Grammar.

Again, it is admitted by all scholars that nothing tends to develope language power, or ease and force in expression so much as translation and study of the best models of sentence structure. Paractice on the structure
of classical sentences is as much $n$ source of artistio power in the use of language, as is practice in imitating the studies and pictures of Raphael or Michael Angelo to the painter, or imitation of the best Greek models to the sculptor, in their respective arts.

Now, is the knowledge of Latin necessary for accomplishing these ends in English education withir the reach of the average English teacher? Mr. Parkin expressed his belief that it is, and affirmed it to be a mistaken iden, that a person requires to be a deeply read classical scholar before he can do much satisfactory classical teaching. As to the course of Latin study, it need only extend at first to the end of the conjugations in Bryce's FirstBook, -the chief attention being paid to accuracy of declension and conjugation, with the gaining of a full vocabulary of Latin words. The latter is especially important for rapid subsequent progress, and can be taught nearly as effectually by persons not highly trained classical scholars as by those who are.
If we could thus get the door to a classical education opened in our Common Schools, not only would the English worls of these schools be better done, but a great impulse would be given to higher education. If we could reduce to a minimum the time that boys from the country would have to attend the larger classichl schools, in order to prepare for the Uni-versity,-the number of students at the University might be indefinitely increased. The expense of obtaining a University education is so comparatively small, that much larger numbers would avail themselves of it, if they could get the preliminary training.

Our Common School Teachers must prepare themselves to meet the higher demands which the country, with its new educational system, is making upon them.

In closing this Session, Dr. Rand spoke of the importance of entbusinsm on the part of teachers. They should be earnestly devoted to their work. He was grieved to know that some complained of hardship in being obliged to apend part of their holidays in attending this Institute.

Mr. Parifin having, in his address, referred to the Provincie! Training School, the Ceite Superintendent here took occasion to express his conviction of the necessity for a new and thoroughly equipped Normal School Building. He had used his best endeavors to press the matter upon the earnest attention of the Government, and he would say that the Government shewed $a$ unanimous desire to meet the wants of the country in this respect, just as soon as circumstances would allow. He claimed sympathy and.respect for the higher institutions of learning, and called upon she teachers to encourage the aspirations of their papils.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

In opening this Session, the Chere Superintendent announced that tha Lieut. Governor desired him to express His Honor's interest in the objects and work of the Institute, and his good will toward the assembled Teachers, regretting also his inability to be present.

Dr. Rand took this occasion to make mention, also, of the zeal and ability of Mirss Tweedereand Miss Minard, whose work had formed so, valuable a
part of the proceedings of this Institute, and by the performance of which they were obliged to forego the pleasure of attending several of its Sessions.

Calling attention to the Question Box placed at the door, he requested Teachers to deposit therein any questions they might wish to ask, of general interest in connection with our work.

Schoon Management.-Dr. Rand introduced the subject of this afternoon's address by reading extracts from the Regulations and Comments of the Board of Education relating to School Grounds. Tt was reauired that grounds of ample extent be provided for every school ; that they be properly enclosed and leept in proper condition; that the Teacher should exercise proper care over the whole premises, and that he should have a regular supervision over the pupils in the play-ground. The last mentioned point was particularly insisted on. Teachers should exert their best influence to secure play-grounds if there were none. In the play-ground, opportunities existed for learning the pupil's disposition, which did not exist in the school room. The teacher was thus in a position to repress bad practices; to encourage and inspire the weak and inactive; to fortify and direct the strong and impulsive; to regulate the kind of games played, and see that they were honorably played. The duty of the Teacher in these respects was strongly enforced. In connection with the morality of play, the value of a high sense of honor and honesty was spolen of. Its frequent absence was to be lamented; cheating prevailed among children at play, and, as might be expected, when the practice was unchecked, it was found in the game of grown persons; it was too often treated as a slight peccadillo,sometimes, if cleverly done, to be commended. Such habits of thought and action were sapping the morals of the community.

In the second place, the Relations between Parents and Teachers were discussed. One of the difficulties that Teachers had to contend with was irregularity of attendance. The ill effects of it were many. Everything should be done to remedy the evil. To ascertain the cause of repeated absence, as well as to remove many of the troubles, complaints and misunderstnndings that constantly arise, the Teacher should visit the parents. Dr. Rand very pleasantly and convincingly showed why and how this should be done. Let the Teacher make it a point to visit the parents of every scholar.at least once in each term, early in the term; and whenever any difficulty threatened, or any special trouble arose, make a special visitation. The beneficial results of this practice would ke found in a larger attendance, greater regularity, increased sympathy on the part of parents, more intimate acquaintance between Teacher and papils, better appreciation of the Teacher's work, and indirectly, in the outside influenses of a successful school, and the financial advantage resulting to the district from $\mathfrak{a}$ higher averare attendance.

Vocar Exercrses.-Here an interval of about twenty minutes was occupier hy Mr. Creed with Vocal Exercises. The particular subjects were Breathing, Tone and Inflections of the Voice. Examples from the prescribed Manual, with which most of the Teachers had provided themselves, were employed for practice.

The next division of the Crmer Superintendents address related to certain things necescary to the success of the Teacher's efforts and to the welfare of the pupils.
(1) The School House should be well ventilated. The Teacher should understand the principles of ventilation and the means to be used in his own school. Pure air was a necessity. If a Teacher found the construction of the school house such that a sufficient supply of pure air could not be obtained without exposing the pupils to draughts, then he should refuse to teach in that house unless the defect were remedied. Even if you are alrendy under contract, do not, under such conditions, attempt to fulfil the contract, and the Department will bear you out.
(2) The temperature must be properly regalated. The feelings of the Teacher were not a good thermometer. Every school house should be provided with $\mathfrak{0}$, thermometer for winter use.
(3) Pleasant surroundings are most important. Teachers should use their influence to render the premises as pleasing as possible. A few flower beds, both for teacher and scholars were recommended. Part of the grounds should be for play, part for sliade, part for adornment.
(4) 'The absence of suitable outhouses or an uncleanly condition of those existing, was a thing not to be tolerated. Teachers should insist upon this, and refuse to teach where proper arrangements of this kind are not made in conformity with the Regulations of the Board of Education.- (lleg. 9.)

Iastly, the subject of Teachers' Agrecments engaged attention. The chief point made under this head was that existing provisions of our law have a material infuence in favor of the contimunce of contracts and permanence of location. The evils resulting from frequent removals of Teachers, both to themselves and the schools, were manifest. From the Golden Gate of Califorma to the $L$ is of Newfoundland, there was no country except New Brunswick whos e ellucational enactments did not rather promote tian duscountenance this evil. With us the Annual School Meeting takes place in January, while the Scholastic Year begins on the 1st of November. Hence the power of engaging or retaining Teachers is, as it should be, entirely in the hands of the Trustees who have time to exercise their best judgment in the matter. Were the time of the School Meeting changed to the month of Octuber or November, near the beginning of the Schonl year, the re-engagement of the Teacher would usually be subject to the uncertain impulses of a public assembly.

At the conclusion of his address, Dr. Rand announced that he wished the proceedings of the closing Session, this evening, to be somewhat informal in their character, - but that a portion of the time would be occupied in giving replies to the questions which might be found in the Box.

## CLOSNGG SESSION.

Qrestions and Replies.-The Qucstion Bux being brought forward and npened, a large number of inquiries were found depusited. These were taken out of the bor one by one by the Chief Superintendent, and answered impromptu. The fullowing are sume of the most interesting questions and replies:-

Qucstion. - What is the proper pronunciation of children, vacuum, hundred

Rcply.-Consult the Dictionary. I have frequently observed that some teachers are unable to determine the pronuaciation of words by thas means;
but it is important that every teacher know how to use a dictionary, and. that he instruct his school in the same art. Ask your Trustees, to this end, to procure for your School a "Cabinet" edition (\$150), or a "Library" edition (\$300).

Question.-In primary lessons in arithmetic, is it right to use the expression " 6 more 3 are 9 ?"

Rrply.-"More" is the literary equivalent of plus. Probably and is the better numerical equivalent. And always implies addition, and is really nnother form of add.

Question.-Suppose a teacher in the country did not see the proclamadion which made July 1st a holiday, and therefore taught ou that day; can he count it as an authorized teaching day?
Rrply. - No; and if any reason be required beyond the explicic Regulations of the Board of Education, it will be found in this,-that every teacher is supposed to talse and read a newspaper.

Qucstion.-Is it allowable for a teacher to give, say, two holidays or three, and make them up afterwards by teaching on Saturdays?
Rrpply.-Yes, provided the giving of these days is owing to the teacher being obligcd by illness or other just cause to be absent from his work; nad that the sehool is not afterwards lept on two successive Saturdnys. Only six of such days can be thus made up in a Term. Butno teacher has authority, without the consent of his Buard of Trustees, to close his school on the ground of personal convenience.

Question. What would be the proper course for $a$ teacher to pursue if $\Omega$ parent desired his child to leave school at 11 or at 2 o'clock every day?
Reply -If the pupil is not sickly, the teacher should at unce call upon the parent, and point out the effect of this course upon the scholastic progress of the child, and the discipline of the school. An earnest teacher would be almost certain of winning the parent's sympathy and co-operation by such kindly efforts. Should this course, however, fail of the desired result, the teacher should lay the matter before the Board of Trustees for their direction, taking care to indicate to them clearly the importance of upholding the discipline of the school.

Qucstion.- How would a Time-Table be arranged for a school where the pupils were very irregular in their attendance?
Reply.-Pupils do not stay away from school in classes; hence, irregnlarity of attendance does not affect the arrangement of a time-table, although it may render its revision more frequent on account of the more frequent re-classification oi the school. Set yourself to cure the irregularity of attendance by visiting the pareuts, and by making your school-work interesting and attractive to the cliildren. Sumething is wrong, either in your management or modes of teaching, if the pupils dislike to attend school.

Question.-In a mised school, how many times a day are teachers expected by the Board to have small reading classes?

Rcply.-Just as often as due attention to all the subjects and all the classes will permit. The question shems some confusion in the mind of the writer, and I cs,mot do better than commend to him or her a careful study.
of the specimen time-table and daily programmes already promised for the next Semin-Annoal Cmoular.

Question.-Will the Board of Education recommend for the charge of a Grammar School, a competent experienced teacher, not a University Graduate, or has the latter a prior claim?
Rcply.-The Board of Education does not recommend teachers for any schools, except by the granting of licenses. Any person, whether a College Graduate or not, can be examized for a license of the Grammar-School or other Class, under the terms of Regulation 30. The Trustees are the contracting authority with teachers.
Question.-At what ages, and in what subjects, should pupils stand in giving answers during a recitation?
Reply.-I think it well for pupils of all ages to stand squarely on their feet in all exercises requiring the use of the voice. It is not necessary that pupils always stand in classes. It is well to have variety. Many recitations can be effectively conducted with the pupils in their seats, each pupil, when called upon, rising and giving his answer. This mode is very effective in topical recitation, as in History, and in Reviews. There is much stimulus imparted to a pupil, by being required to stand up singly, in presence of his class-mates, and do his thinking and speaking on his feet. If he blunders or fails, he fecls it; and the judicious teacher can steadily press his requirements until his pupils are trained to express their thoughts in correct and accurate language. There is a grave defect in the work of many teachers, not only among ourselves, but in most schools that I have seen. They are content when they have passable evidence that their pupils have come into possession of certain knowledge, or have had thought awakened in their minds. But that is only one stage in the educative process: the other and complementary one is, that the pupil be trained to command his knowledge and to utter it,-to express actually his thought in clear and correct Euglish. The oral exercises in recitation furnish a constant and flexible means for this training, and the demands of the teacher are to be tempered to the age and abilities of the purii. Whether standing in class, or singly, let the pupil take a good position,-not lean on his fellow, or the wall, or the desk. Girls of twelve years of age and upwards should not be kept in a standing position too long at one time.
Question.-What is the nature of the "Merit-Book," and is one provided for each District?

Reply.-The "Merit-Boos" referred to in the Regulations of the Board of Education is designed to record and report the general standing of each member of the school, as determined by his regularity, panctuality, deportment, and success in stady. I regret that its publication has been so long delayed. When published, Trustees will supply it as a part of the school apparatus.

Question.- How do the statements of $M_{\mathrm{r}}$. MoInns, in reference to drawing, agree with the maxim "synthesis through analysis?" He stated that he found it necessary to practice the elements of forms before combining them.

Reply.-I understood Mr. MoTmes to refer to his own pupils in the 7th and 8th grades, who are pretty mature. The object of analysing form is to detect and omphasi. 3 the lines upon which its expression mainly depends. It is this emphasis, by way of practice, that prepares for a complete and perfect synthesis. First wholes, then analysis, then a subsequent synthe-this,-for, as Sir William Hamilton observes, analysis without a subsequent synthesis is an incomplete process. If, however, Mr. McLnnis referred to the elementary grades under his supervision, it is to be borne in mind that before the pupils take up the drawing cards, they are taught to print well upou their slates by simply imitating the print and print-script of the Primer. They also receive a course of object lessous on form, as preparatory to the use of the cards.

Question.-What is the best remedy or penalty for neglect, on the part of a pupil, to learn an assigned lesson which requires chiefly tho exercise of memory?

Reply.-From the form in which the question is put, I infer that ine writer had in mind a pupil with a "bad mumory." "Neglect" will then read "fanure." Encourage the pupil; give him short tasks; appreciate his efforts; and let him see that your sympathics are with him. Then, have patience, and little by little he will come inco possession of a " good memory." But there is much difference of capacity in this respect, and there should be discrimination. Some have "verbal memories," while others have memories for facts, or principles; but latent energies can be surprisingly developed by the sympathetic efforts of skilful tenchers.

More than an hour having been spent in replying to the Questions, Mr. Creed, by request, entertained the audionce with a humorous Readiug.
Then followed some informal questions and remarks by severul gentlemen; after which the Roll was called for the last time.
A vote of thaniss was tendered io the Cazef Supermitendent and his associates, which $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{r}}$. Raxd achnowledged in an earnest and hearity opeech.

The Teachers in attendance at the Institute, and enrulled as such, were as follows :-

YORK COUNTY.

| G. R. Parkin, A. M., | Fredericton. |
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| George W. Fenwick, A. B., " |  |
| Darid Wilson, A. B., | $"$ |
| L. Jane Gregory, | $"$ |
| John I. McInnis. | $"$ |
| M. Alice Clari, | $"$ |
| Mary N. Jacob, | $"$ |
| Jomna Psters, | $"$ |
| Iouisa Pickard, |  |


| Frances N. Seely, | Fredericton. |
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| Edwin T. Miller, | $"$ |
| Ellen F. Peake, | $"$ |
| Hattio C. Magee, | $"$ |
| Amelia Atherton, | $"$ |
| Mra Atherton, | $"$ |
| Ella I. Thorne, | $"$ |
| C. Ilbert Yandall, | $"$ |
| Lizzie H. McKay, | $"$ |
| Minnie G. McKay, | $"$ |
| Susie E. Perley, | $"$ |

Sarah Burpee, Dist. No. 1, Bright.
Chas. B. Wathon
Mary A. Colter,
Kate L. Johnston, 'Thomas Harrison, James Hartin, George D. Carter, Julia R. Bateman, Rachel Watson,
Martha A. Pelton, Rebecca Keen, Iva L. Yerxa,
Helen MícAdam, John R Egan, John Lynch, William H. Haney, Saral A. Harmer,
Henry A. Perkins, Frances J. Ross,
Maggie L. Alexanjer,
Brumswick W. Fox,
Melinda A. Barber,
Charles Thomas,
Sam'l A. Conillard,
David I. Sannce,
Mary McKenzie,
Mary A. Marsh,
Mary E. Adams,
Editll J. Bulley,
Daniel Fiske,
Joln E. MrcCutchen, H. A. Barker,

Judson C. Manzer,
Tho's E. Fergueon,
Frank H. Hayes,
Anthony W. Nobles,
Henry 'Lown,
Emeline D. Hayes,
Cecilia McCallum,
Annio Jolmston,
Mary A. McBean,
Charles A. Miles,
L. Augusta Welling,

Ade 3. Bell,
Susan Sansom,
Electra Atherton,
A. MI. Hanson, Jeremiah MIeagher,
Louise F. Morgan,
Willian T. Day,
Alfreda L. Masters,
Alice E. Perley,
Rob't Grenville Day, Robert M. Dennison,
Margaret Claudfield,
Albert Perbins,
Mary McBean,
James Hendry,
S. Grace Young,

Mary E. Young,
Eliza Mary Young,

not at present employed.
Frederick Carpenter, Fredericton.
Chas. H. Cowporthwaite,
Francis F. McGowan,
Alexander McLauchlan,
Honrietta Weddall,
G. W. Merrithem, Mildred J. Smith,
A. Rankin Bedell, A. 3., Kingsclear.

Manda J. Lint, Marysville.
G. A. Yerra,

St. Mary's,
Fred'k W. Emerson, A.B. Fredericton.

## SUNBURY COUNTY.

Charles Lunnin, Dist. iNo. 6, Blissville.
Annie Munroc, , " 7, "
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Olive Bailey, } & \text { " } & 7, \\ \text { Enoch Thompson, } & \text { " } \\ \text { Burton. }\end{array}$
Carrie Alexander, " 7, "
Hector M. Stramberg,
A. B., " 8 , Gladstone.

Annie J. Hartt, "، $\quad 8$, "
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Phoebe A. Hartt, "، } & \text {, ", } \\ \text { Mina Webb, }\end{array}$
George Stewart: " 1, Maugerville
George McKeown,
Alesander Lawson, " 4, " Fred. N. F. Welling, " 4, Sheffield.

## CARLETON COUNTE.

 Jacob W. Sherwood, " 3, Wakefield.

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

James Vroom, Dist. No. 1, St.Andrews James F. Covey, A.B. " 1, " H'y S. Bridges, A.M. " 2, St.Stephen. Agnes Lawson,

## KENT COUNTY.

Ingram B. Oakes, A. B.,- Dist. No. 1, Richibucto.

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Samuel C. Wilbur, A. B., Dist, No. 2, Sussex.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.
Counsel T. Hendry, Dist. No. 3, Chatham
QUEENS COUNTY.
Stephen H. Estabrooks, Dist. No. 4a, Gagetomn.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY.
Helen Meaban, Dist. No. 1, Dalhousie.

ST. JOHN COUN'TY.
Daniel Morrison, 'Yown of Portland. Joseph H. Morrison, Tsabal B. ALersereau, Grace Murphy, Mary W. Greone,

Morinda M. Rees, Lown of Portland. Goorge T. Taylor,

VICIORIA COUNTY.
Priscilla Brown, Dist. No. 4, Andover.
Total number enrolled, 125.

In addition to the foregoing, there were present-
From the Provincial Training and Model School-Wm. Crocket, M. A., Principal, H. C. Creed, M. A., Miss Mary E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Cadwallader, Miss C. H.' Tweedie, Miss E. Minard, and 78 Students.

From the Provincial University-President W. Brydone-Jack, D. C. L. (Provincial Examinor), Professor Thomas Marrison, LL. D. (Provincial Examiner), and Professor F. P. Rivet.

Also-His Honor Judgo Wilmot, D. C. L., Hon. J. S. Saunders, M. I. C., Rev. Charles Spurden, D. D. (Provincial Examiner), E. C. Freeze, Esq., County Inspector, George Thompson, Esq., and others.

# TEACHERS' AGREEMENTS. -DECISION OF THE COUNTY 

 COURT.Kings County Court. October Term, 1875.
Hon. Charres Watters, presiding.
Amelia Evans vs The Trustees of School District Number 6, in the Parish of Westfield, in the County of Kings.
The plaintiff, a teacher holding a local license of the third class, was engaged by the defendants to teach a school in their District for the remainder of the term which closed on the 30th April, 1875. The engagement began on the 8th March. A contract, in duplicate, was dramn up in the form prescribed by Regulation 2, by which it was provided that the plaintiff should teach until the close of the term, for which she should be paid at the rate of $\$ 160$ per school year, exclusive of the allowance to be received by her from the Chief Superintendent. It was also provided that the contract should continue from school year to school year, unless a month's notice in writing, before the time limited by the contract, of an intention to determine the same, should be given by either of the parties thereto. At this time there were four persons claiming to act as Trustees, namely, Nathaniel Belyea, Stephen Apt, A. M. Woodman, and Alfred Deveber. The teacher was engaged by Messrs. Belyea and Apt. The coniract was signed by the plaintiff and N. Belyea, but was not at this time delivered to the plaintiff, who, however, entered upon her duties as teacher.

On the 24th March the Inspector went to the District, and, after taking. evidence, declared the legal Trustees to be Messrs. Belyea, Deveber, and Woodman. Upon this, Mr. Belyea informed the Inspector that he would not act any longer, though his resignation was not accepted or acted on until the 5th of May, when one Thomas Day was appointed a Trustee in his place. On the 3rd of April the plaintiff, hearing that Day was likely to be appointed a Trustee, handed to Mr. Belyea, whom she supposed to be Secretary, the following notice in writing :

Westfield, April 3rd, 1875.
Mr. N. Belyen, Secretary to the School Trustees.
Dear Sir,-In accordance with our agreement, I hereby give you notice that I shall not teach a school in this District longer than the present term if Thomas Day is appointed Trustee.

Yours, \&e.,
(Signed) Auelia Evans.
This notice was kept by Mr. Belyea, and was not shown by him to the other Trustees, Messrs. Woodman and Deveber, nor did it appear that they ever asked to see it. Learning, as they stated in giving evidence, from the plaintiff and Mr. Beljea, that a notice had been given, which they also said they thought to be an absolutenotice and given before the 1st of April, Woodman and Deveber employed another teacher to take the plaintiff's place after the 1st of May. On 30th April, Day not having been appointed, the plaintiff informed the defendants that she desired to continue teaching. On that day, also, the contract was signed by Woodman and Deveber and delivered to the plaintiff. The defendants, however, refused to permit her to teach any longer, and the other teacher took her place on the 3rd of May. The plaintiff now brought this action to recover damages for wrongful dismissal. Evidence was given by the plaintiff that. when she spoke to Woodman and Deveber of the notice, she informed them it was conditional, and that she was willing to continue since Day had not been appointed. This was contradicted, but no question turned upon it under the Judge's direction. His Honor charged the Jury-

1. That the agreement being in writing, and under seal, it could not be varied br onversations, and could not be discontinued unless both parties met toge. er and mutually agreed that it should bc at an end.
2. That, as the contract required the month's notice in writing to be given, the notice in this case was of no effect, because it was not the month's notice.
3. That it was also of no effect because it depended on a contingency, which did not happen before the end of the term.
4. That it made no difference what the plaintiff told Woodman and Deveber regarding the notice. Being in writing it must speak for itself, and the defendants were bound in law to know its contents. The contract, therefore, continued in full force and the defendants were liable for the wrongful dismissal. As she had shown she had been out of employment since, His Honor said she was entitled to recover an amount equal to her salary up to the close of the school year, on the 31st October.

The Jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $\$ 150$, made up as follows: Salary to 30th April $\$ 27.60$; do. to 31st Oct. $\$ 80$; Government allowance $\$ 35$; expenses \$7.40.
-Attorneys:

Pugstey, Cbahfozd \& Pugarisy,<br>G. Stoniby:Smitir,<br>For: Plff.<br>For Defits.<br>Council:<br>W. G. Puasiey, for Plff.<br>Geo. C. Gzibert, for:Dei'ts.

## THE VEN'TILATION OF SCHOOL-ROOMS.

"To the Honorable the Provincial Board of Euucation of New Brunswick :
The Petition of the undersigned, Rate-payers of School District No. in the Parish of - in the County of - , humbly sheweth-

That whereas a new School House is now in course of construction in said district, and will be completed by the last of this present month;

And whereas at a meeting of the late-payers held on Monday evening the 8th inst., it was anamimomsly ergreced that a l'entilator, as prescribed by the Board of Education, is not needed.

We therefore humbly hope that the said Ventilation be not enforced; :and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

We place the above Petition, omitting only the designation of the District and the names of the signers, upon permanent record, that those who come after us may have some knowledge of the obstacles in the path of our educational progress in the year of grace 1875. The school house referred to in the petition is being erected at a cust of about \$ã00, and the object of the petitioners in protesting against due provision for the ventilation of the house is to save the extra cost, amoming to $\$ 25$ or $\$ 30$. The assessed valuation of the School District is some four hundred thousand dolims, or nearly half a million. Two of the I'rustec.; subscribe to the petition.

- The Regulation of the Boad of Education which the petitioners, "as in duty bound," pray may not be enforced, is as follows:-

Regulation 8.-Vontilation: It is required that every School-room have ample provision for the admission and circulation of prre air, and the ascape of mpure air.

The following published Remarks are appended by the Board to the foregoing Regnlation :-

Revani 1.-Without proper ventilation the Schoul-room must be an unhealthy place, and one pervaded by bad odors. Nothing but a continuous supply of pure air can prevent restlessuess and nervous irritability on the part of both leachers and pupils: head-aches, bronchitis and weak lungs; a sluggish vital action, depriving pupils and teachers of half their mental activity : and weariness and exhaustion of all the members of the School durmg the latter half of each day. The only reason why life is nut destroyed in some School honses is the loose and imperfect construction of the buildings.

Remani 2.- Eeonminy in the use of fuel, equal distribution of hart through the room, and a plentiful supply of pure and properly tempered air, are problems involved in securing a pruper oystem of ventulation Open fire-places cause a free circulation, but the heat is unevenly distributed, and there is great loss of beat up the chimney. Stoves consume much less fuel, but the hart is not evenly distributed, and thore is almost no ventilation connected with the provess of heating. Windows open at the top admit the air freely, but the cold current settles at the bottom of the room, and keeps the feet of the pupils uncomfortably cold. On its way it strikes the unprotected necks and shoulders of many of the pupils, causing colds like any cther dranght. An opening in the ceiling is often made, but when it merely connects with a room overhead, no currents are created and no ventilation is induced. When the outlet is through a flue directly into the outer air, the hot air at the top of the Schoolroom is drawn off, and the foul air below remains. The air is changed but little, while the waste of heat is very great. Two separate flues from the ceiling, or the division of a single flue into several parts, are frequently employed. This plan secures an upward current through one and a downward current through the other, and
causes a change of air in the room. But when a door or window is opened the descending current ceases, while the hot air continues to ascend. This method of admitting cold air exposes pupils to draughts and cold feet, as in the case of admission by the windows, and there is a great loss of hent.
Reanak 3.-Recent improvements in hot-air furnaces have satisfuctorily solved the three problems already referred to as involved in a system of ventilation. But hotair furnaces are too costly fir use in any considerable number of Schools. It is, howover, within the reach of every country district erecting a new School house, or effecting alterations in an existing ono, to secure an inerpensive system of beating and ventilation, which possesses all the excellences of the costly apparatus mentioned.
Then follows a detailed description of the simple and effective method prescribed by the Board of Education for securing the admission and circulation of pure air, and the escape of impure air.

We presume the signers of the petition referred to would feel indignant if they were informed that 'they know not what they do.' But such is the fact. It would have been quite as rational a proceeding if they had met in solemn assembly and "unanimously agreed" that windows are not needed in the School-house. 'Besides, more money would have been saved, for windows cost more than "a ventilator." That the residents of one of the wealthiest and, presumably, one of the most intelligent districts of a county should exert themselves to prevent suitable provision being made in the School-house for furnishing, in a safe way, a constant and abundant supply of pure air to the pupils, almost passes belief, and discloses a lamentable want of knowledge of the simplest laws of health. We have striven to stimulate teachers to qualify thenselves for the communication of elementary lessons in lyggeine to all their pupils, and it will be our duty to grapple henceforth more vigorously with this subject.

The importance of air space rests upon the absolute necessity of pure air for healthy respiration ; but the amount of space required depends upon a variety of circumstances. Hospital conditions, for example, require the largest amount of space, and modern experience has shewn that, other things being equal, no inclosed space equals plenary exposure. But, for various practical purposes, the limits of space vary from 300 to 4,000 cubic feet,-the smallest proportion being the exaction for lodging-house dornntories, and the largest for hospitals. And no deviation should be made on account of children, whether in regard to the different members of a family or of a school. With regard to this point, the Medical Officer of the English Privy Council observes :-"It is to be deaired that laws and regulations should not proceed on the assumption that children (to any measurable extent) require less breathing space than adults. Against any such assumption, two facts have been considered-first, that even healthy children, in proportion to their respective bodily weights, are about twice as powerful as adults in deteriorating the air which they breathe; secondly, that children will almost invariably have certain eruptive and other febrile disorders to pass through, from which adult life is comparatively exempt, and in which the requirement of space is greatly increased. And having regard to these two considerations, I think it best that children and adults should be deemed to require equal allowances of air and ventilation."

It is to be observed that the mere space allowance should in no case detract from the absoluts necessity of means for renewal, and the smaller the space so much the more certain should be this provision. The petitioners to whom we have referred probably imagine that since the number of pupils in the district is small the amount of air enclosed in the school-room is all sufficient. This is a fatal mistake. To neutralize the deleterious properties of respired air and to replenish it, every person requires 2,000 cubic feet of fresh air hourly, and with less provision than this contamination is sure to follow. The minimum space allowed by the Board of Education is 150 cubic feet of air for each pupil, with adequate provision for the changing of all the air of the room every ten minutes.

The poisonous effluvium which pervades the atmosphere of close and unventilated rooms is not only re-breathed, but it adheres to all the surroundings; it sticks to the walls and furniture, settles into the drinking vessels, permeates the clothing, and attaches to the person. It creates a nidus, which is not only in itself poisonous, perpetually lessening the vital force of all who inhabit it, and predisposing to blood poisons of every kind, but it also becomes a hotbed for the planting and propagation of specific poisons, such as scarlet fever, mensles, whooping cough, diphtheria, small-pox, and the whole category of epidemic diseases.

Besides the danger from active and fatal disease from exposure to the conditions which we have now described, all physiologists recognize the influence of depressing agents on the human organization (especially in childhood) in blunting the sensibilities, obtunding the intellect, promoting stupidity, idiocy, and physical deformity.

It is altogether idle for the Trustees and Ratepayers of any district to imagine that a unanimous resolution affirming the needlessness of schoolroom ventilation, can render it needless. The facts remain,--children have lungs, they must breathe. If pure air is not about their nostrils, they will breathe impure air, and suffer its penalties. This is not of the Board of Education's ordering.

Thustees, if you desire to have a Schoon, the first condition on which you can have it is to provide a thoroughly ventilated room. Your children are rosy and hearty: keep them so. If you want them to study, give them first of all pure air to breathe; but if you prefer listless, peevish, sallow pupils, with $a$ snappish, irrepressible teacher, diligent in the whipping and scolding business, you ought not to expent the assistance of the Board of Education in the working out of your preferences. Impure, de-vitalizsd air, is the chief canse of school demoralization.

## OFFICLAL NOTICES. <br> No. 1.

A new wall-map, fur the schoul-room, of the Pruvinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Ieland, has been approved by the Board of Education. The subscription price of this Map is $\$ 5$. A limted number of copies have been placed in charge of the Cmief Superintendent, by the Government, which will be supplied to Trustees of Schouls at $\$ 1.50$ each. Trustees signing the certificate, forwarded with this Circular, and transmitting it with $\$ 1.50$, to the County Inspector, will receive as early as possible a copy of the Map.

This Map should be in every school-rọom in New Brunswick.

## No. 2.

The attention of School Trustees is respectfully directed to the following matters of importance:-

1. The preparation, "at least two weeks before the : nnual Meeting," of a clear statement of the Income and Expendirune for the year, with agreements and vouchers, o be submitted to the Auditor:-Scc. 80. If the District Meeting failed to appoint an Auditor, application should now be made to the Inspector to appoint one. Sec. 10 (4).
2. The preparation of the Annual Report for presentation to the rate-payers at the :Annual Meeting. This Report should exhibit not only the receipts and expenditures for the year, but aleo the educational condition of the District, and its requirements for the ensuing year.-Scc. 79. The duty of making this Report is devolved upon the Boand of 'I'rustees. The Report should be adopted by the Board before being presented to the Annual Meeting. It is not the duty of the Secretary to the Trustecs to prepare or present these papors, except ander the dircction of the Doard of Irustees.
3. In estimating the requirements of the District for the ensuing year (i.e. from, January 1876 to Jan. 1877), the Trustees should bear in mind that no "economy" that cripples the efficiency of the School is true cconomy. The last place to apply retrenchiment is in meeting the necessities of tine Public School Nothing short of dire necessity should be allowed to interfere with the needful estimates for the Public School. During all the trying years of the American civil war, the people throughout the Northern States steadfastly refused to retrench their expenditures for public education. Education is of as great moment to Canadians as Americans.

The following statement of the appropriation of the County Fund for the past two Terms may assist some Boards of Trustees in making their ectimates:

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|  | Summer Term '74, | Winter Term '75. | Total. |
| Albert,.......... ...... | 5088 | \$0 82 | \$170 |
| Carleton,.............. | 84 | 72 | 156 |
| Charlotte,............. | 104 | 103 | 207 |
| Gloucester,... ....... | 389 | 242 | 631 |
| Kent, ............ ...... | 249 | 305 | 554 |
| Kings,................. | 84 | 92 | 176 |
| Northumberland,.... | 149 | 149 | $\stackrel{98}{ } 9$ |
| Queens, ............... | 85 | 99 | 184 |
| Restigouche, ......... | 79 | 57 | 136 |
| St.John,...... .. ..... | 122 | 120 | - 42 |
| Suiunuy, | 105 | 110 | 215 |
| Victoria, ............. | 108 | 97 | $\stackrel{25}{205}$ |
| WTestmorland,........ | 124 | 124 | $\stackrel{2}{1} 88$ |
| York, .................. | 83 | 105 | 188 |

In addition to the above rates, each Board of Trusteea received from tho same Fund at the rate of $\mathbf{S} 30$ on account of each teacher employed the full Torm. This latter rate is fixed by law.

The Trustecs of "Poor Districts" received one-third more than the abovo rates for each pupil, and one-third more ( $\$ 40$ ) on accuunt of the Teacher.

Those Districts which havo been Classified as "Poor Districts" for the School year heginning November 1st, 1875, and ending Cutoher 31st, 1876, have each been notified by letter from this Office.
The amount of Provincial Grant received $b_{y}$ each class of Teacher, per Term, as detailed on the first page of this Crrcularr.
4. Should the Annual Meoting fail to make due provision for a Public School, the Trustees are empowered to transmit their Estimate, through the Inspector, to the Board of Education.-Sec. 45. See aleo Form 3 "Of Trustees and Auditors;" and Rem. 2.
5. It is the duty of the Trustees :o converie the Annual School Meeting on the second Thursday in January (the 13th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, by notices posted at least six days (of twenty-four hours each) previonsly, in two of the most public places in the District. The mode of of ganizing the reeting, and the order of business, are detailed in the Regulations of the Board of Education, "Of the School Meeting."

## No. 5.

A copy of this number of the Semi-Avnual Cinculan (No. 2) will be mailed from the Education Office, postage paid, to any address on receipt of 25 cents, or five copies in one parcel, on the receipt of $\mathbf{S} 1$. The suppiy of extra copies is limited.

THEODORE H. RAND, Chief Superintendent.


[^0]:    "Each room measures 23 feet by 21 feet, and in height 9 fect 10 inches. The average number of pupils in attendance in each room is about 40 , thus giving to each pupil scarcely 120 cubic feet of air, while the prescribed minimum capacity for any School room should admit of 150 . When it is considered that the Students visit each department twice a week, either to practice or to witness illustrations of methods, and that each occasion adds over 30 persons to the abready overcrowded space, some change in the accommodation seems an absolute necessity. I leave the matter in your hands, feeling assured that you will bring it under the notice of the Government and urge some immediate action."

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[^2]:    -A formal home excrelse on paper also to be required of this class cach month, i. C. from onequarter of the cluss cach weci.
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     tencd by $A$, Thompson's History of England to be taked up.
    tsec note to "Time-Table". $x A$ and 8 to take these exercises on alterate doys.
    \%onefifth of each class to work at the black boards
    SWhere tho Teacher is qualified, jfacadam's Chemistry to bo substituted, in class $\Delta$, fowr days a weck daring tise Winier '「erm, ind the text-book in Plementary Botalo, during the Bummer Term.

