

Institute Summary.

The Steele County Teachers' Institute convened in this city on the 4th inst. and will continue two weeks from that date. County Superintendent Axdahl had so thoroughly perfected all the necessary arrangements that the first day of the session without delay or hindrance. All the teachers in the county are present and are working vigorously to improve themselves to the utmost for the duties of their vocation. Dr. McNaughton, President of the Mayville Normal School, is in charge of the work as conductor, and is ably assisted by Mrs. Anna B. Ogden, who gives instruction in Kindergarten methods and principles.

Hon John Ogden, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was present the first three days of the session, adding to the interests of the institute by giving instruction in reading and number lessons, and many valuable hints about school management. He also gave a very instructive lecture on "The duties of the hour," at the Congregational church Tuesday evening to a crowded house.

Monday forenoon was consumed in organizing, appointing committees, and arranging the minor details of the work. In the afternoon, Superintendent Ogden, Dr. McNaughton and Mrs. Ogden addressed the Institute on topics pertaining and preliminary to the regular work, after which Mrs. Ogden began her series of Kindergarten lessons, which she has carried thus far through the week to the great delight of the teachers and visitors. Superintendent Ogden then gave a very interesting lesson in reading, followed by Dr. McNaughton, who gave a lesson in penmanship as preparatory instruction for lessons in language.

On Tuesday the following program was carried out:

MORNING SESSION.

9:00	Opening Exercises.	
9:20	Mental Arithmetic,	Dr. McNaughton.
9:50	Reading,	Supt. Ogden.
10:20	Recess.	
10:30	Kindergarten work,	Mrs. Ogden
11:10	Geography,	Dr. McNaughton.
11:40	Singing,	Mrs. Ogden.

Noon Intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30	Reading,	Supt. Ogden.
2:20	Froebel's 1st Gift,	Mrs. Ogden.
3:00	Recess.	
3:10	History,	Dr. McNaughton.
3:40	Song singing,	Mrs. Ogden.
4:20	Miscellaneous.	

Wednesday forenoon was devoted to Reading circle work and Arbor Day exercises. The following program was very creditably carried out.

Importance of Arbor Day,	Mr. Marsh.
Music, America,	A chorus.
Forest Hymn, Reading,	Mr. Swenson.
The Last Hymn, Recitation,	Miss Edith Williams.

Planting the Apple tree, Reading, Miss Rida Northrop.

I Live to Love, Recitation, Miss Georgie Baker.

Song of the Little Floweret, Mrs. Anna B. Ogden.

The Oak Tree, Reading, Miss Baldwin.

Address, by Superintendent Ogden.

Woodman spare that tree, A Double Quartet.

At the conclusion of these pleasant and instructive exercises the institute adjourned and Superintendent Ogden left the city for Fargo where the Cass Co. Institute is now in session.

Wednesday afternoon Dr. McNaughton gave instruction in Language Lessons. Mrs. Ogden gave a talk to mothers and the session closed with a lesson in History by Dr. McNaughton.

Thursday's program was as follows: Forenoon, Mental Arithmetic, Dr. McNaughton; Drawing, Mrs. Ogden; Reading, Dr. McNaughton. Afternoon: Sand modelling, Mrs. Ogden; Froebel's 3d Gift, Mrs. Ogden, Spelling, Dr. McNaughton.

The work of the institute is going on vigorously, pleasantly and successfully and County Superintendent Axdahl is busy everywhere attending to the needs of his teachers in a very effective and satisfactory manner.