

—A very interesting ceremony of the evening session of the first day of the Convention was the presentation of addresses to the retiring Superintendent of Public Instruction, one by Dr. Heneker, representing the Protestant Committee, and the other by the President in behalf of the Protestant Teachers of the province. The event was more than either address. The best of such addresses are formal in their tone, but the circumstances attending Mr. Ouimet's withdrawal after a long period of service moved the audience to speak of his farewell words as an event to be remembered all their lives.

—The Rev. Principal Adams, of Lennoxville delivered an address at the end of the evening session, in which he said: "It was often the case that a speaker finds some of his pet theories and, as he thought, his sole discoveries, red by some one as if they were his own and sometimes treated even better than their supposed owner might have treated them. Mr. Hewton found time to take in some of the beauties of nature as he went on his trips of inspection through the townships, and that is what the teacher wants his pupils to do, not pay attention solely to his work but take a reasonable amount of outside recreation and thus be neither a sluggard nor kill himself with work but attain the happy medium between the two." Among many of the good things which Dr. Adams said, he urged upon all, the elementary teacher, the model school teacher, the academy teacher, the college professor, and the university authorities to co-operate in the educational reforms of the province—to feel as if they were all one body working towards one end in view. In his whole address, Principal Adams showed that he is endowed with the broad principle thus enunciated by Dr. Stanley Hall when he says to all teachers: "The value of your teaching is not the information you have put into the mind, but the interest you have awakened. If the heart is trained, the rest grows out of it. Interest the heart, the feelings, the emotions, for they are fundamental facts. The mind is evolved out of heartiness. People do not have mind worth thinking of unless they have capacity for sensitiveness. The characters of great men prove this. Whether in picture or in prose, we are always coming up against the fact that it is enthusiasm that governs the world. We have not realized the educational possibility of it. Of all things in the world love is the most educable, the most plastic; it can entwine itself about the lowest and most indecent things in the world and spend its energies there, or climb the heavenly ladder, as Plato said, and identify itself with all that is most worthy, most precious and most lovely."