

pally that improvements might be expected, as they were best acquainted with the defects, and the easiest method of remedying them. And so it was with the different branches of knowledge. All were useful, not only to those who engaged in a course of life in which any particular science or subject was brought into play, but in the general opening and development of the mind. It was a conflict between mind and matter, and every victory gained by the former elevated man in his sphere, and rendered him more capable of benefitting himself and his fellow creatures.

The Report had stated, that for the school no suitable building could be found, and the Committee had found it necessary to purchase land upon which it was contemplated to erect the buildings required. For this, funds were wanted, and the Committee appealed, and appealed confidently to the meeting for aid and support of a substantial nature. Let then the amount of their contributions prove their interest in this great and important object, which must be remembered as being emphatically their own—their children's—and their country's cause.

The resolution was then put as follows:—

“That the Report now read be adopted; and that this Meeting would express its gratitude to God for the success with which he has been pleased to bless the efforts of this Society in the cause of Scriptural Education.”

The Rev. D. GAVIN, of St. Athanase, in moving the second resolution said, that speaking the English language imperfectly, he would not have attempted to appear before so large and respectable an audience, but at the strong solicitations of his friends. He would, however, be forming a low estimate of their good feeling, if he offered any apology for his defects; as a stranger he was well assured, such would be passed over, especially as it was the first time of his being called upon to speak publicly in English. As to the work in which he was engaged, he would mention a few things. Its nature was known to be good; but probably he might be asked a few questions, as to how he proceeded, how he succeeded, how the French Canadians felt, what the influence of the Priests, and how the work was to be pushed? To these he would answer, that he liked the Canadians, and went among them in love; he avoided as much as possible hurting their feelings; he tried to be useful to them in every way, and to shew them he desired their good. He visited them when sick, tried to relieve them, and prayed with and for them. He occasionally met members on his visits, and they knelt with him. Their confidence in him was increasing, and there was greater readiness to listen to him, than there was some years ago. (He then related some anecdotes to shew, that where persons had hooted at him, and