

teachers have had an opportunity of judging of the book, and it was a pity that Mr. Patterson should have seen fit to push the matter to a vote, the most ridiculous that perhaps was ever taken in the public assembly, in face of the fact that the teachers present had not even read the book, and that Mr. Patterson had to assume an apologetic tone when referring to the defects pointed out. At least this is the impression left after reading the newspaper reports of the discussion that took place on this subject.

The air, however, seems to have become quite excited, when Mr. Hewton made his charge about the unseemly conduct of certain men high in authority, who had led some of the headmasters of Montreal into the way of wrong doing, especially when he was challenged by Dr. Robins and others in very intemperate language, which no school boy would dare use towards another with impunity. We have heard that this matter is not likely to end with Mr. Hewton's protest, which we give verbatim as it appeared in the *Gazette* :

"I, Robert John Hewton, member of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, a body politic and corporate of the Province of Quebec, and being duly qualified to vote for the election of officer of the said association, do hereby file the following protest in writing against any declaration of the election of officers made, or to be made by the president, or other officers whose duty it is to make such declaration, at the present convention of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, and against all proceedings which have hitherto been taken by the said association in respect of such election ; and in support of this protest I allege :—

"1. That, in violation of the constitution of this association, a number of ballots have been issued to mem-

bers of this association prior to the date of the annual convention.

"2. That some of the said ballots were marked prior to the time provided for by the constitution, and were subsequently deposited, thereby rendering null and void all proceedings in connection with the present election.

"3. That influence has been exerted by certain members of this association upon other members of the said association, under their authority, to determine the nature of their vote.

"4. That certain head teachers of public schools have held meetings of their subordinate teachers, members of this association, previous to the date of the present convention, and presented to the said subordinate teachers a prepared and printed ticket, and indicated the manner in which the said subordinate teachers should exercise their voting privileges, in connection with the present election of officers of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers."

Notwithstanding some of these features of the convention just hinted at, it seems to have been brought through its work with the well known tact of the chairman to a successful closing scene, which is thus reported :

"The incoming officers were then presented by Dr. Harper, who, on retiring from the chair, said that he was pleased to see such a large number present at the closing meeting of the convention. He was proud personally to be able to say that this perhaps had been one of the most successful, if not the most successful conventions that had been held in the history of the association. It had certainly been the largest, and when they contemplated the pleasant experience they had had the evening before at McGill, he thought, notwithstanding the various little bits of