

The next paper was read by George Murray, Esq., B. A., Oxon, upon the "Etymology of the English Language." The object of it was to awaken and deepen our sense of the value of our language as a deep treasure of thought and feeling; to induce teachers to study the structure of its great Saxon fountain, and produce in the minds of scholars a desire to understand and appreciate its value and lead to the perusal of those works which so conspicuously exhibit its riches.

Another paper was to have been read by T. A. Gibson, Esq., M.A., upon "Scotch Scholastics," but much to the regret of the Council, he was prevented from doing so by severe personal indisposition.

But perhaps the most important subject which engaged the attention of the Association during the past year, was the formation of a Provincial Association of all the Protestant Teachers of Lower Canada.

At the first annual convention of this Association, held on the 20th and 21st of May last year, a resolution was unanimously passed, that the Secretary, under the direction of the Council, put himself in communication with the Bedford and St. Francis Associations, and ask for suggestions on the subject of the formation of a central Teachers' Association for the Protestant Teachers of Lower Canada.

This resolution was carried out, communications were received from Inspectors of Schools, Presidents and Secretaries of Associations. Mr. Long appeared as a deputation from the Bedford Association to this one. Your Council seriously deliberated on the matter, assisted by Mr. Long, passed a series of resolutions and appointed a sub-committee to arrange these in the form of a Constitution, to be submitted to the various Associations for consideration, with the view of carrying them into effect at a Convention to be held for that purpose.

More effectually to secure this object, a Deputation from this Association was requested by the Bedford one; Professors Howe and Robins kindly undertook this office, and furnished with printed copies of the proposed Constitution, the latter