

names. All knowledge, if possible, should be conveyed by diagrams or by practical methods. Principal MacCabe then gave an exemplification of his manner of teaching classification. He advocated always teaching up to a technical term and never missing the definition as it gathered to a focus what had been said. He then illustrated his process by means of adjectives, verbs, &c. It is impossible in a sketch like the present to give any idea of the cleverness or amusing nature of the address, to which the Convention listened attentively for nearly an hour, being constantly amused, constantly instructed.

A vote of thanks to Principal MacCabe, moved by Mr. Arthy, seconded by Mr. Secretary Rexford, and carried unanimously, drew forth a few more words from the Principal.

Dr. Mathews' *Proposal of Payment by Results* next came up for discussion, being introduced by Dr. MATHEWS personally. He explained that there was no intention of pressing teachers hard. The scheme was merely a reduction to rule of the system upon which the subvention from the Superior Education Fund is already assigned. Dr. Mathews was followed by Inspector Hubbard who gave a few words explanatory of the distribution of the grant. At this point, Mr. Rexford came forward with a suggestion that the present system of distribution should be continued, while the results, as calculated upon Dr. Mathews' system, should be communicated to the next Convention. Dr. Mathews here rose in self-defence, saying that he had no idea of pushing his scheme into immediate fact. It was merely put forward as a tentative idea. The whole discussion suggested to Dr. Kelley that there was much need to have *some Representation of Elementary Education upon the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction*. Mr. McIntosh, of Granby, here rose to speak upon the question of the time of inspection and upon the general subject. Mr. Elliott, of Montreal, criticised several points in the distribution of the money of the Superior Education Fund, speaking from his experience in the Ottawa district. His remarks were corroborated by Mr. Howard, of Berthier, and he thought that Dr. Mathews' scheme would remedy many of our present evils. Mr. Rexford maintained his objection to the inspection in the month of May. He was followed by Inspector Hubbard and Dr. Kelley. The subject was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Before adjourning the trus-