

encourage the spread of such organizations if we are not prepared to start one of our own. The courses may not be all we would like, but they should be adopted with a view, first, to utilizing and, secondly, to improving them.

During the evening Mr. Neil Warner gave two readings from Shakespeare, appropriate to the occasion; while Mr. Arthur Fisk and Miss Moylan added greatly to the pleasure of the audience by one or two solos.

On the morning of Friday, after the preliminary exercises, Mr. Hewton, the representative of the teachers at the council board of the Protestant Committee, gave an account of the duties of his office during the year. He praised the Protestant Committee for their zeal in the cause of education; their solicitude for larger grants to elementary schools, which it was desired to place upon a better basis; and he spoke warmly in praise of the manner in which the Committee had attended to the suggestions made by their representative. He was asked for information regarding the Government grant to education, but in reply he stated that he could throw no more light on the question than has been already done. On motion his report was adopted. A vote of thanks was also passed thanking him for the efficient manner in which he has represented the Association during the past year. After the passing of a motion commending the efficiency with which Mr. Hewton had looked after the interests of the teachers, a discussion was opened by Dr. Kneeland in regard to the time of meeting. The general opinion seemed to be that October was the most suitable time of the year, and that Montreal be continued as the place of meeting. The discussion was taken part in by Mr. Walton, Dr. Kelley, Mr. Arthy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. Wardrop, Mr. Parmelee, Mr. Curtis, Dr. Harper and the President. The feeling seemed to be that Montreal, notwithstanding the opinion of one or two of the teachers of that city, was able to make things comfortable for the teachers of the province for at least two or three days in the year.

Mr. McOuat then read a paper on the examination of elementary schools, providing for a written promotion examination in the higher grades. Mr. McOuat gave of his personal experience in the district of Lachute in connection with this matter, and supported his own opinions by the corroborative statements of certain of the elementary teachers of his district who had tried his plan. While Mr. Macgregor approved of the principle of the movement, Mr. Houston cautioned the teachers against such examinations being made too much of. Mr. and Mrs