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THE CONVENTION OF 1890.

These annual gatherings of the teachers enrolled as members of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers seem to become more and more popular as the years go by: and if success were to be measured by numbers, the very large attendance at the Convention of Teachers held in October last—the largest, we are told, on record so far—would place it as the most successful ever held. Numbers, however, in connection with any institution are not always to be accepted as an evidence of success: the quality of the work done always speaks for itself, whether the number in attendance at a deliberative assembly be large or small; and we think that, even viewed from such a point of view, the Convention of 1890 held its own, if it did not surpass in interest its long line of predecessors. Questions of the greatest importance, not only in connection with the routine of school work, but in connection with the administration of our schools, came up for careful consideration: and the thanks not only of the teachers of the province, but of the community at large, are due to the ladies and gentlemen who assisted in carrying out the excellent programme prepared beforehand by the Executive Council. Among those who read papers and delivered addresses at the various sessions of the Convention were the Hon. Mr. Mercier, Premier of the Province; Sir William Dawson, Principal of McGill University; Hon. G. Ouimet, Superintendent of Public Instruction: the