

their influence for the getting of money for this object. Money invested in the education of the young gave better returns than railway or bank stock. The common education of its children was the first duty of every nation.

Drs. Robins and Harper, Miss Nolan, Prof. Kneeland and Inspector Taylor took part in the discussion.

It was moved by Dr. Kelley, seconded by Dr. Harper, and resolved :—

“That a committee, consisting of Principal Robins, Rev. E. I. Rexford, Dr. Harper, Inspectors Hewton and McOuat, and Mr. Truell, be appointed to consider the question of the adequate extension of the professional training of teachers, and that they report as early as possible to the Executive Committee of the Association.”

It was moved by Inspector McOuat, and seconded by Inspector McGregor :—

That whereas the Elementary Schools of the Province are in great need of financial aid, and

Whereas the fund now spent for prize books for the purpose of encouraging education has not been productive of the benefit expected;

Be it resolved, that this Convention respectfully recommends to Government, through the Protestant Committee, that the fund annually expended in prizes be, for Protestant schools, expended in school apparatus and distributed as school prizes instead of as individual prizes, as at present. Carried.

The Treasurer presented a list of 82 new members. Their names were ordered to be entered on the books of the Association.

The Committee on Resolutions, through the Convener, Mr. Hewton, reported the following votes of thanks, which were carried *de forma* :—

To Dr. J. Clarke Murray and Prof. Geo. Murray for able and interesting papers,

To the Natural History Society,

To the different Railway Companies,

To the Press of Montreal,

To the Art Association,

To the Proprietors of the Cyclorama,

To the Authorities of McGill University,

To the Protestant Board of School Commissioners,

And to the Retiring Officers of the Association.

The President-elect, Inspector R. J. Hewton, M.A., was then called forward by Mr. Parmelee, the retiring president, and asked to take the chair. On doing so, Mr. Hewton briefly addressed the Convention.

The minutes of this last session having been read and confirmed, the Convention adjourned to meet next year in the City of Sherbrooke.