

A letter was read from P. McArthur, Esq., regretting his inability to be present at the meeting.

The Secretary announced officially the death of the Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and of the Rev. Dr. Cook, and the appointment of the Rev. A. T. Love to succeed the Rev. Dr. Cook.

Dr. Heneker was called to the chair temporarily,

When it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Norman, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Shaw, and carried unanimously by a standing vote :

"That the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, on this their first meeting after the decease of their Chairman, the late Lord Bishop of Quebec, desire to give expression to their sincere regret at his death, and to their strong appreciation of his high character and varied attainments. For twelve years he filled the important office of Chairman of this Committee. He brought to bear upon its deliberations a cultivated intelligence, a wide experience in educational matters, both in England and Canada, a most unbending impartiality, combined with high-bred courtesy, unvarying patience, a dignified bearing and great though unconscious authority. He accorded to every member of the Committee, whatever his sentiments, the utmost freedom of expression. No partizanship of any kind detracted from the inflexible justice of his ruling. Every member of the Committee enjoyed true liberty in stating his views, and, notwithstanding inevitable divergence of opinion, the utmost harmony has prevailed. The universal respect entertained for the late Bishop by persons of all creeds and nationalities caused him to be an educational power in the community, and imparted the greatest weight to his words and actions. Every one who has assisted at the meetings of the Committee must recall with grateful pleasure the opportunity afforded of intercourse with a prelate of such enlightened breadth of view and such versatility of experience, who respected others while he respected himself.

"The Committee beg to approach Mrs. Williams and the Rev. Lennox Williams with true and respectful sympathy, and pray that the Divine blessing may comfort them in this their hour of trial and bereavement."

Resolved also :

"That a copy of the above be forwarded to Mrs. Williams."

Upon motion of Sir Wm. Dawson, it was in the same manner resolved :

"That by the lamented death of the Rev. Dr. Cook, the senior member of this Committee, and for twenty-three years a member of the Council of Public Instruction, a loss has been sustained by this Committee, and by the interests of education, that will not easily be repaired. Dr. Cook was eminently characterized by sterling integrity, along with a kind and genial bearing, by a clear and cultivated intellect, by business capacity and by devotion to the cause of education. His colleagues, in this their first meeting since his decease,