

affirm, without the possibility of contradiction, that during the whole of my Superintendship, extending over a period of 14 years, all reasonable deference has been paid to the opinion and recommendation of the Normal School authorities. I can speak of my own knowledge with regard to many appointments to the city schools, which were made wholly upon their recommendation, and to others in which their opinion had much influence; for instance, the 6 new appointments made from '47 to '50, I have already stated, were, in a great measure, based upon the recommendation of the head-master of the Normal School. Mrs. Corbett, the first female teacher employed under the elective board in 1851, and subsequently head mistress "in charge"—first of Louisa-street and then of Phœbe-street school—was appointed upon Dr. Ryerson's own special recommendation. Miss Quinn, "in charge" of the Louisa-street school, owed her appointment to Mr. Robertson's recommendation. Mr. Spotton, "in charge" of the Victoria-street school, was indebted to Mr. Ormiston's recommendation. And when the Committee on Appointments had under consideration the selection of a successor to Mr. H. Brown as head-master "in charge" of the Park school, so anxious were they to ensure a good Teacher, that it was decided to accept whomsoever Mr. Robertson and Rev. Mr. Ormiston (of the Normal School) should recommend.—Mr. Kelly was so recommended and appointed accordingly, although, as already stated, that gentleman did not enter upon the duties of the situation.

It is, I am well aware, any thing but a pleasant, and I may add, even a prudent undertaking in an