

he was proud of having received such a distinction at the hands of Her Gracious Majesty; it was an indication of the fact that in the old world they were not merely willing to honour the great men who stood at the top of our political ladder, but also those who worked in this country for the promotion of education. (Loud applause.)

Hon. Senator Ferrier, who has been connected with the financial interests of McGill University for thirty-nine years, then made a short address, stating in the course of his remarks that he had always taken a great interest in the cause of education.

Mr. Thomas White, M.P., said that he had come to the convention with the object of listening to the discussions, rather than to address them and he would therefore detain them only for a moment. He referred to the fact that he had himself been a school trustee in the neighbouring Province of Ontario a number of years ago, having taken a great deal of interest in local educational matters, and alluded to the meetings held some twenty-five years ago by that great man, Dr. Ryerson, in relation to some amendments of the school law of Ontario, which he wished to introduce and concerning which he desired to take the people into his confidence before they became law, and it was the feature which they were illustrating at their annual conventions—the fact that they were not alone engaged with their pupils round them, but that they felt it necessary to come together to compare notes and to instruct each other. That feature seemed to him to be one of the most gratifying and one of the most promising, not only of this province but of the Province of Ontario, that the teachers had become a factor in framing the educational policy of the community in which they resided, and he heartily trusted that their meetings might result in a wider interest in educational work, and a greater disposition on the part of the public at large to do all in their power to assist in its full development. (Applause.) He wished them hearty success in the work in which they were engaged. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Sydney Fisher, M.P., referred to the great and important work of the teachers, in whose hands it lay to instruct our youth to become men and women, and expressed the hope that in the future the district schools would have more means at their disposal, so that they would be able to obtain the very best of teachers, and be able to carry on the work in a thorough and efficient manner. (Applause.)

Inspector Hubbard then announced that the Scott Act had been carried in Stanstead by a large majority, which was received with applause, after which the convention adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING MEETING.

COWANSVILLE, OCTOBER 11.

The evening session of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers last night brought a most successful convention to a close. The chair was occupied by the president, Hon. W. W. Lynch, and on the platform were Principal McCabe, of the Ottawa Normal School; Rev. E. I. Rexford, Dr. Harper, Dr. Robins and Dr. Kelley.

The first business of the evening was the passing a number of resolutions, which were in effect as follows:—

Appointing the President, Hon. W. W. Lynch, as a delegate to the Ontario Teachers' Association, with Professor McGregor as alternate.

Appointing Rev. E. I. Rexford as a delegate to the Teachers' Association of the State of Vermont, with Inspector McLaughlin as alternate.

The usual votes of thanks, and that a delegation consisting of Dr. Robins, Mr. Masten, of Coaticook, and Rev. E. I. Rexford be instructed to wait upon the members of the Quebec Government and of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction and urgently call their attention to the resolution regarding the teachers' pension as passed by this association at its session of 1881, and to explain to them the views of the association in regard to the general interests represented by this convention.

THE LATE MR. F. W. HICKS.

On motion of Mr. R. M. Campbell, the following resolution was passed:—

Resolved—That the association has heard with deep regret the death of Mr. F. W. Hicks, M.A., headmaster of McGill Model School of Montreal, long a member of this association and for eleven years its esteemed and efficient secretary; and be it

Resolved—That this association desires to place on record its high estimate of the ability and faithfulness of the deceased gentleman, and its sense of the heavy loss this association and the cause of education generally has sustained by his decease; and be it also

Resolved—That this association extend to Principal Hicks and the family of the deceased its sincere sympathy, with the earnest prayer that in their sad bereavement they may be sustained and comforted by the infinite power of Him who knoweth the end from the beginning, and doeth all thing well; and be it

Resolved—That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the deceased and to the public press.

This finished the business of the convention.—*Montreal Gazette Report.*