

teacher might retire at the age of 48, go into business, and yet be drawing a sum equal to three-fourths and in some cases to the whole of his salary. These large pensions would be paid chiefly by teachers with very small salaries. They would have to pay 2 per cent, and more if necessary, perhaps 6 per cent, or it might be even 20.

After the act had been further condemned by Mr. Parsons and Miss Scroggie, and after an amendment by Mr. Campbell—to arrest action by the Association until the act had been in operation for three years, and statistics had been taken—had been disposed of, the original Resolution was put and carried:—

“That while recognizing the kindly interest manifested in the teachers of this Province by the effort which has been made to provide a pension fund for them, this Association considers the present Act unjust and deficient in some of its leading provisions, and cannot therefore approve of it in its present form.”

A committee was then appointed to draw up a list of the desired changes to report at the next meeting.

THE LYELL MEDAL.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Geological Society held in London, Feb. 18th, 1881, the President handed the Lyell Medal to Mr. Warrington W. Smyth, F.R.S., F.G.S., for transmission to Dr. J. W. Dawson, F.R.S., F.G.S., of Montreal, and addressed him as follows:—

Mr. Warrington Smyth,—

Sir Charles Lyell in founding the Medal that bears his name, intended that it should serve as a mark of honorary distinction, and as an expression on the part of the governing body of the Society of their opinion that the Medallist has deserved well of science. I need hardly say that the Council, in awarding the Lyell Medal to Principal Dawson, have done so with a sincere appreciation of the high value of his truly great labours in the cause of Palæontology and Geology. When I refer to his published papers, I find that they number nearly 120, and that they give the results of most extensive and valuable researches in various departments of geology, but more especially upon the palæontology of the