

tific course extended. Dr. White enlarged on the report and explained many of the details of the project, and Major Carlaw also spoke on the subject. Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, who was the only one present of a deputation from the Trades and Labor Council appointed to interview the board on the question, was then called upon to give his views. He said that he hoped representatives of the working class would be consulted, and that the project would not follow the example of others of the same kind and lose sight of its original purpose. The workmen, he said, had been accused of opposing such schemes, even when they conduced to their own advantage, but he declared, with a few exceptions, it had always been the desire of the labor party to see the establishment of better facilities for technical education. The board then proceeded to its regular work. Mr. Galt's report was considered too important to be hastily dealt with, and after being received was laid on the table for future consideration.

Before adjournment, it was moved and carried that Judge McDougall, Dr. Pyne and the Chairman, E. P. Pearson, be appointed a deputation to visit and examine some of the technical art schools of the United States.

The deputation visited several technical schools in the United States, and, on their return, reported that in their opinion to take up the work of science teaching would be beyond the scope of the Library Board, and, after due consideration, the Toronto Board have come to the conclusion that they will not take hold of the work. In the meantime \$2000 has been voted for the work by the Toronto city council, and a sub committee of the council appointed to devise some plan for beginning the work; and it is to be hoped that active steps will be taken soon, as the result will be watched with interest in other cities in the Dominion.

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto City Council, Ald. McMillan moved the following resolution:

"That inasmuch as the management and control of evening classes for the purpose of imparting practical scientific instruction to the artisan and working classes of the city has been by recent legislation placed in the hands of the Free Library Board, be it resolved that the Legislative Committee of the City Council be requested to apply for an amendment to the Free Libraries Act, empowering the City Council to appoint three additional

members on that board, said additional members to be chosen from the ranks of the working classes, in order that the parties more directly interested in the success of these classes may have some share in their management."

The resolution was adopted without discussion.

TWO CANADIAN EVOLUTIONISTS.

The little city of Kingston, on Lake Ontario, has given the world two leading evolutionists of our time, Grant Allen and George J. Romanes, both now living in England. Grant Allen's father, a retired clergyman of the Episcopal Church, still resides in Kingston. Although his son has made botany his principal theme, psychology is the subject on which he hopes to write his most valuable work. Mr. Romanes' recent "*Origin of Human Faculty*" is perhaps the weightiest contribution to the development theory which has appeared since Herbert Spencer laid down the pen. Curiously enough, while two of the foremost evolutionists of the day are Canadians, one of the chief critics of their doctrine is also a Canadian. Sir William Dawson, of Montreal, is generally regarded by orthodox Churchmen as the successor of Agassiz in championing the Mosaic account of creation. —*N. Y. Sun.*

"Papa," said a young woman, "where have you been all afternoon?" "In the library, reading the paper." "Oh, won't you tell me what the news is?" "The news?—Go and ask your mother. She has been for half an hour on the back fence talking to the woman who lives next door." —*Commercial Traveler.*

Friend—What are you doing all day in the Cooper Union Library?

Newspaper Humorist.—You see, one of my jokes has been published in a New York paper, and I am watching the people reading the paper to see if somebody don't laugh over it. A fellow almost giggled yesterday. —*Texas Siftings.*

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