

of the sub-committee which drew up the document defining these relations, and was doubtless present at the meeting of the Protestant Committee at which they were approved. Permit me to state simply, that the Protestant Committee has not delegated any power, in any shape or form, over its curriculum to the Matriculation Board or any Board of McGill University. In the matter of framing its school time table, the Protestant Committee acts absolutely for itself, though, I believe, a sub-committee, upon which the Matriculation Board, as such, has not even a representative,—though I believe Dr. Peterson, as a member of the Protestant Committee, is also a member of this sub-committee. What the Protestant Committee did was to agree that the Matriculation Board should act as an examining Board for Grade III. Academy. Beyond that the Matriculation Board has absolutely no relation to the Protestant Committee, except that it may make recommendations, which the committee is absolutely at liberty to disregard. That the members of the University who interest themselves in the general educational problem wish to see the course in the schools lengthened and made more thorough is but the natural desire to see Protestant education in this Province brought to the same level as that of the other Provinces of the Dominion. That the standard reached in certain subjects meets the requirements for entrance into the University is merely a passing incident. The real question is whether or not the requirements are too high. I think I have said enough to show that judged by ordinary standards they are not.

In regard to the "crying evil" of the classical subjects a few words must be said. In the first place I shall take the liberty of separating Greek from Latin, as Greek is a subject practically not taught in the schools. I find for example that in 1904, out of about one hundred and fifty candidates for the Leaving Certificates, six passed in Greek. In 1905 not one single candidate from the country academies took Greek. The voice of this evil therefore cannot be said to be very loud. I have no doubt that this will surprise Dr. Shurtleff, but it is a fact nevertheless.

What are the facts with regard to Latin? Professor Adams in his admirable report on the schools of the Province of Quebec gives the average time devoted to Latin