

Editorial Notes and Comments.

The Annual Convention of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers is an event to which the more enthusiastic of our teachers look forward with a good deal of interest. Through the kindness of Mr. Arthy, the active Secretary of the Society, we have been put in possession of information which gives promise of a successful meeting. The Executive Council met on the last Saturday of September to consider preliminaries, and at the session there was a good representation of members from the different parts of the province. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Robins, the first President of the Association under its revised constitution, a gentleman whose eloquence and professional activity are proverbial amongst his fellow-teachers. The society is now an incorporated body, and this in itself will add weight to its deliberations. The interest of the meeting this year will probably be increased by the election of a member to represent them at the council board of the Protestant Committee, and, from what we have heard, some of the teachers are determined not to allow any pre-arrangement on the part of one or two to take the place of a straightforward vote by ballot by the whole convention. The office need not necessarily be filled by a teacher; and yet, after the pains the teachers have been to get their claim for representation recognized by law, the vote for the first year or two at least, in all probability, will fall upon some one of our Academy or Model School teachers whose interests are so intimately connected with the Protestant Committee. Another question of seeming moment is to be brought up for discussion by Dr. Kelley, who is prepared, subject to the sanction of the Executive Committee, which he has evidently obtained, to move the following resolution:

Whereas it is very desirable to reduce the number of subjects studied in the different grades of our High Schools and Academies, and that the standing of the pupils be known at the earliest possible moment:

Resolved,—That the universities be asked to substitute for the present A. A. examination two examinations—one for the Junior Certificate, another for the Senior; and that the candidates for the latter be exempted from those subjects in which they have already passed their examinations.