

Wilson, of Sherbrooke, and McDonald, of Quebec, the Secretary of Convention and the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

DR. KELLEY then brought up the question of *The New Regulations respecting Academy Diplomas*. They were equivalent to a *coup d'état*. At one moment an attempt was made to wipe out the Normal School, at least to deprive it of all influence. Not only so but the action was one touching vested interests. The speaker considered it not only unjust, but illegal. All that these Resolutions require hereafter is a certain amount of intelligent knowledge, not necessarily associated with any knowledge of, or experience in, the practice of teaching. Dr. Kelley asked that men placed at the head of Academies should be teachers as well as scholars. But not only teachers generally, but lady teachers specially, were wronged by these Regulations. Women are thus placed at a disadvantage in comparison with men. Yet women are now doing most of the hard educational work of the Province. By the Regulations, few or no women can hereafter be employed in Academies of the first or second grades. Another grievance was the cool way in which previous Academy Diplomas were wiped out, no warning being given. Dr. Kelley was here led to speak strongly in favor of increasing the grant to the Academies if their work was going to be increased. He drew special attention to the small sums appropriated to these and the Model Schools from the Superior Education Fund, as compared with the money lavished upon McGill, Morrin and Lennoxville.

At this point it was moved by Mr. Arthy, and seconded by Mr. Rexford, "that the two questions involved in the new Regulations relative to Academy Diplomas be kept apart, and considered separately by this Convention: 1. Is it desirable that there be more than one grade of Academy Diplomas? 2. Is the present classification a good one?" This motion having been assented to, a discussion began, in which Messrs. McLaughlin and Arthy took part, the latter advocating two kinds of teaching Diplomas, one by the Normal school, the other by the Universities. Inspector Hubbard took up the word, being followed by Mr. Rexford, who gave a few words of explanation. The object of the Protestant Committee was to raise the standard of Diplomas; they had no intention of making these Regulations retrospective. It is unfair to take exception to University men being placed above mere Normal School graduates: their education is superior. Moreover,