

hearty support of all who have an interest in the welfare of the country.

That Teachers' Conventions are an important and powerful aid in the advancement of the interests of education is admitted. An authority upon this subject, speaking of their relation to the public school, has well said that they are useful in solidifying and concentrating public sentiment in favour of public schools, are of vast benefit in disseminating knowledge about the nurture, instruction and culture of youth throughout the whole community, are of the greatest benefit for the instruction of teachers in the most useful and practical method of conducting and teaching their schools, and at the same time serve most effectually to imbue the teachers themselves with unity of purpose and common sympathy of thought.

We regret that so many years have elapsed since the last Teachers' Convention was held here.

We feel honored by the selection of our city by the Provincial Teachers' Association as the place of meeting this year, and grateful for the opportunity afforded of becoming better acquainted with so many members of this most honorable profession.

We most heartily extend greeting and welcome, and hope that in future, Conventions will be held here at regular intervals.

We trust and believe that not only will the results of these meetings be beneficial to the teachers themselves, but that they will awaken among us a greater interest in educational matters, and stimulate in us a greater and more sympathetic interest in the work of the teaching staff. In the rush of life we are too apt to forget and too slow to manifest and express the obligations we are under to those to whom the education, and to a great extent the destinies, of our children are entrusted. What can be of more vital interest to fathers and mothers than the education of their children? What should appeal more strongly to their support, assistance and sympathy than the efforts of teachers to render that education more effective and valuable? We prize this opportunity of meeting and, in an imperfect way, entertaining the members of this Convention, and trust that this will not be our last opportunity of assuring them that they will always find in Sherbrooke a hearty welcome and a vital and abiding interest in their work.

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