

first meeting, by the President, the Rev. E. I. Rexford. The reader criticised several points in the Normal School Curriculum, drawing special attention to the English course and to the purely professional part of the work. A discussion ensued which had to be adjourned. At their next meeting in the Hall of the McGill Normal School, a communication was read from the Normal School Committee, "That the Committee earnestly deprecates any discussion of matters, relating to the Curriculum of the Normal School or its management, by an Association connected with the School and meeting in its Building, but would place no obstacle in the way of any proposals made in regular form to the Corporation of the University for improvements in the Normal School, should such be practicable. The Committee therefore deems it to be inexpedient that such discussion should take place in the Building of the Normal School. That this resolution be communicated to the Council of the Association through its President," Upon the reading of this communication it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to the Senior School building. Thither the teachers accordingly proceeded and a paper was read by Mr. R. M. Campbell on the question. A discussion ensued, and the following resolution, moved by the Reader and seconded by Dr. Kelley, was carried unanimously: "That in the opinion of this Association the curriculum of the Normal School requires revision, and that the Corporation of McGill University be respectfully requested to take such steps in this direction as will in their opinion best promote the interest of education in this Province."

*Increase of Taxation for Education.*—On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Finance Committee of the City Council received a deputation from the Protestant School Commissioners, consisting of the Rev. Canon Norman (Chairman), Principal Dawson and Dr. Robins (Superintendent). In the course of the conversation it was represented that the expenditure of the Protestant board was annually in excess of their income, that the city schools were being worked at the lowest possible figure, and that the failure to obtain an increase of taxation would necessitate their abandoning part at least of their work. The Chairman (Alderman Grenier) said that the Catholic School Commissioners of which he was one were in the same position. They had hoped to receive aid from the Government and had indeed received promises to that effect; but the bill had been abandoned last session. This session, however, they hoped that they would be more successful. At least they had the promise of the Government, as before; still it would be well to get the help of the Council. It was agreed accordingly that the Protestant School Commissioners should send in a petition to the Council.

*McTavish School Entertainment.*—On Dec. 26th and 21st, a comic operetta, entitled "Ali Baba," written and arranged by the Rev. F. M. English, one of the masters of the school, who also trained