

alive to the whole subject of education, and that they were in a position to make themselves felt in the onward movements of the present. He suggested that some of the papers be re-read at the general convention. He also suggested the advisability of establishing a voluntary course of lectures on the art of teaching. The idea was warmly taken up and will in all probability be realized during the course of next winter.—It was arranged that the meeting be resumed on the third Friday in September next, after which the proceedings came to a close.

McGill Normal School Teachers' Association.—The annual meeting of the Teachers' Association was held in the McGill Normal School on Saturday, May 31st, at 11 a.m., Dr. Robins presiding. There was a small number of members present. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary's annual report was read and adopted. The Treasurer then presented his annual report (a most encouraging one, last year's *balance on hand* having been doubled), which being found correct by the auditors appointed, Mr. Arthy and Mr. Pearson, was unanimously adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following results:—President, E. W. Arthy (unanimously elected); Vice-Presidents, Dr. Kelly, Miss Carmichael, Miss Clarke and Miss Peebles; Council, Dr. Robins, Miss Barlow, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Chambers, Miss Sloan and Miss L. Lawless. Miss Hurst as Secretary and Mr. Humphrey as Treasurer, were re-elected by acclamation, Rev. E. I. Rexford was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association, and thanked the meeting for the honour in a few well-chosen words. Dr. Robins, before retiring from the Presidency, thanked the members for their kindly support and help during the past year, and then left the chair, to which the newly-elected President was called, who gracefully acknowledged the pleasure with which he accepted the unexpected honour conferred upon him. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers having been passed, the meeting adjourned.

INQUIRIES.

Q.—*How many days does the scholastic year contain?*

A.—The minimum school year is eight months. The number of school days in this minimum year is found by deducting from the total number of days the Saturdays, Sundays, and other legal holidays. The School Boards, however, have a right to keep their schools in operation twelve months in the year and to make engagements with their teachers for this purpose. The practice, however, is not a wise one, and teachers should not encourage the practice by entering into such engagements.

NOTE.—Only one copy of the Educational Record will be issued for the months of July and August.