

the meeting. Should it, however, be agreeable to the Association to appoint its meeting for this year in Montreal, I can assure it of a hearty welcome. The present interim meeting has seemed to the council necessary, in view of important matters of legislation affecting the teachers, and the education of the province generally, which will come before the Legislature at its approaching session. Prominent among them is the pension act, a subject accompanied with difficulties both in view of the diverse interests of different classes of teachers, and of the insufficient means available for securing such retiring allowances as are to be desired. It is a subject, however, in which the views of the teachers represented in the Association should have much weight with the Government and Legislature. The codification of the education law is also a most important matter and of much more general bearing, and will, it is hoped, afford the opportunity greatly to improve the working machinery of our educational system, an opportunity of which the officers of the Department of Public Instruction and the committees of the Council of Public Instruction have been earnestly endeavoring to avail themselves, and in regard to which it is hoped that more information will be laid before this meeting. Permit me to add, on behalf of McGill University, that while the present short meeting, at a season when we are overburdened with the work incident to the close of the session, does not afford the opportunity which we had hoped to have last autumn, we cordially invite the members of our Association to visit our museum and library, and shall hope, if Montreal should be favored with a meeting of the Association next autumn, to have the pleasure of entertaining its members in a more formal manner, and of showing, in a more public way, that interest which this University has always felt in the general education of the province, as represented by the members of this Association, and the educational institutions over which they preside.

After reading the resolutions adopted at the previous Convention, Dr. Robins made the following report on behalf of the Committee of Conference :



MONTREAL, March 26th, 1886.

*To the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers of the Province of Quebec, in Convention assembled.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed at the last Convention to represent certain points affecting your interests, to the Protestant members of the Provincial Government, and to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, beg to report as follows:—

On maturely weighing many considerations arising from his official position, the Rev. E. I. Rexford, B.A., English Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction, deemed it his duty to decline to act on this Committee. The Executive Committee of this Association, appreciating the reasons of his refusal, relieved Mr. Rexford by appointing in his stead Dr. Harper. Accordingly this Committee, from the time its labors began, has consisted of George L. Masten, Esq., member of the Protestant Com-