

mental in placing Messrs. Rexford and Robins in their respective posts, he insisted upon the necessity of giving due prominence in the discussions of Convention to questions concerned with elementary education,—in his opinion the all-absorbing question. Higher institutions of learning were in a position to take care of themselves. But elementary education was everybody's business, and so was neglected. Mr. Lynch concluded with wishing the present meeting every success.

The Secretary next read to the Convention a letter from Messrs. Patterson and Morton upon Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book a copy of which had been presented* to all the Protestant teachers of the Province by these gentlemen:

"The undersigned would most respectfully draw your attention to Dr. B. W. Richardson's 'Temperance Lesson Book', which is being placed in the hands of every Protestant teacher of this Province for use in the preparation of lessons on temperance. It is a work that is highly recommended as a standard authority, and one well calculated to instruct the young in the true nature of alcohol, and its effects on the human system. Knowing the importance of early training, and realizing the immense influence which teachers exercise in forming the characters of the children under their care, may we be permitted to express the hope that the lessons in the book now placed in their hands will be of assistance to them in their talks upon temperance, presented in the Authorized Course of Study for Elementary Schools, so that their pupils may be thoroughly and scientifically informed of the great evils arising from the use of intoxicating drinks. We feel that no other apology is required for approaching the Association on this subject than the fact that thousands of the best and brightest of our young men are every year being ruined and in life blasted by strong drink, and are persuaded that this is largely owing to ignorance of the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed," and may we not reasonably expect that if the young of this generation are well instructed on this question—and have they not a moral right to this instruction—the terrible evils of intemperance will be very much reduced, and the cause of Religion and Education, and the happiness and prosperity of the people very much increased. We fully believe that the teachers of this Province will gladly do their share in bringing about this desirable result.

(Signed) WM. J. PATTERSON.
HENRY MORTON."

Mr. Secretary Rexford here added a few words, after which the subject was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The following names were then carried as members forming the Committee: Convener, Mr. Howard, of Berthier; Messrs. J. McIntosh, of Granby, Parsons, of Montreal, Misses Mathieson, of Bristol,

* We have learned that these books have been distributed by post and through the Secretary-Treasurers of the schools.