

which has been worst taught in the Protestant schools of this city is singing. I affirm confidently that so long as we adhere to the methods in vogue hitherto, by the majority of the professionals of this city, so long shall we do no more for the encouragement of popular music in the future than we have done in the past, viz., teach children to sing a few tunes by rote and adults to pick out a psalm tune by the aid of the piano. I regret that we have lost the services of one who was eminently qualified for his work, Mr. Duncan, M.A., instructor in penmanship. The Normal School committee feel the importance of French in this province, and were I not myself convinced of the intellectual and social value of this language, I should feel it my duty, as the servant of the community at large, to do all that lay in my power to encourage and to promote the study of French, not simply as a dead language with grammar and lexicon, but as a living, developing and may I say aggressive tongue, the tongue justly dear to millions of our fellow-countrymen, the clearest and the most picturesque language in the world. I cannot doubt that the Government will accede to the wish of the Normal School committee and of the Protestant committee of the Council of Public Instruction, by raising the French professorship in the Normal school from the rank of an associate to that of an ordinary professorship. Our united thanks are due to the Normal School committee of the Corporation of McGill University, and especially to its chairman, Sir Wm. Dawson, for the support they have given to our efforts during the past year.

Dr. Robins closed by reading the following list of successful students :

LIST OF DIPLOMAS, MCGILL NORMAL SCHOOL, 30th SESSION, 1885-6.

● *Academy Diplomas, University Graduates.*

W. H. Dalpé, B.A.	J. W. McQuat, B.A.
F. W. Hibbard, B.A.	Wm. Patterson, B.A.
R. W. Hudspeth, M.A.	P. E. Ritchie, B.A.

*Academy Diplomas.*

1. Flora Taylor, of Montreal, Marquis of Lansdowne Medal, honorable mention in logic, philology, old English, Roman history, writing, trigonometry, Latin, Greek, French, elocution.
2. Alice Wilson, of Montreal, honorable mention in old English, Roman history, writing, French, trigonometry, Greek, drawing.
3. Ada A. McGowan, of Montreal, honorable mention in old English, writing, French.
4. Robert T. Phelps, of Montreal, honorable mention in trigonometry.