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develop something we had not got at the present time, not to deprive any School of what they already had. The question of the Standard of the new School was not a question for the layman.

He, Mr Tate had always advocated decentralization and had persisted in an endeavour to place as many activities as possible outside Melbourne. He had advocated particularly the extension of Schools in Ballarat and this had often been done without any request from Ballarat or elsewhere.

The President, in thanking Mr Tate for his attendance at the meeting expressed the Council's concern and desire to maintain the standard of the past.

The Council ^{had no ill} ~~were not expecting to extract any promises and were prepared to leave the matter in his hands.~~

Mr Brawn said that Mr Tate had helped in the past to do much for this School. He was sure that we could hope to retain our teachers as well as to maintain our status.

The Vice-President, Mr Barrow, supported the previous remarks and noted that the course had been limited to six nominated teachers annually. He suggested that something should be done for those teachers who have been struggling many years to complete their courses.

(Page 132) - This was unfortunately so and it hurt him to have to say so. They had to obtain men from outside because they had not the teachers with the necessary qualifications in the Schools.

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→ The Council had hoped to meet the Minister, not that they wanted to extract any promises from him but merely wished to put the case before him so that he might understand the position.

He thanked Mr Tate for coming to Ballarat and bringing with him Mr Carew Smythe and felt confident that the matter could be safely left in Mr Tate's hands.

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