

convention to order. Reverend E. I. Rexford opened the session with prayer, after which the minutes of the Executive Committee for the past year were presented. Inspector Taylor considered that the proceedings of the Executive Committee would be conveyed to the convention in the report of the Corresponding Secretary, and moved, seconded by Mr. W. Dixon, "That the minutes of the Executive Committee be taken as read." Which motion was carried.

Mr S. P. Rowell, Corresponding Secretary, then read the report of the Executive Committee. Five meetings had been held during the past year, and committees had been appointed to promote the interests of education along the same lines as in the previous year. An abstract of the minutes of last convention had been printed, also 2,000 copies of the revised constitution. The former had been distributed, and the latter were ready for distribution. The request of last convention to place Arithmetic and Physical Geography on the A. A. options had been granted. A resolution had been forwarded to the Protestant Committee, requesting that provision be made to secure the legal recognition of "special teachers."

The report of the Executive Committee was received on motion of Mr. Jas. Mabon, seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor.

Mr. N. T. Truell presented his report as delegate to the Protestant Committee.

Reference was made to recent changes in the membership of the Protestant Committee. One day, in November 1895, had been entirely devoted to the consideration of the needs of Elementary Schools, and it was agreed to request the Government to grant a larger subsidy to Elementary Education. The professional training of teachers had also received much consideration, but no scheme had yet been matured. The School Law had been completely revised and would soon be submitted to the Legislature. Reference was made to the changes in the A. A. work, and the opinion expressed that a fourth or additional grade would soon be necessary in the Academy work.

On motion of Inspector Taylor, seconded by Mr. S. P. Rowell, this report was received.

Dr. J. M. Harper presented the report of the Committee on "Professional Training." A joint meeting had been held, with a sub-committee of the Protestant Committee and a sub-committee of the Normal School, at which it was