

tion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Watson, was received and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes for the benefit of the Convention.

The Special Committee appointed to report on the President's Address, beg leave to submit the following :

1. Your Committee are pleased to see that some of the changes proposed by Dr. Ryerson in the mode of conducting the examination of Teachers are likely to come into operation, and regard them as an improvement on the present system ; but consider that before the highest certificates are granted the aptitude of the teachers for the active duties of his office, should be taken into account as exemplified by him in his work in the school room.

2. Your Committee agree with the remark of the President, that the faculties of children are developed at different periods and in a certain order, and think that lessons should be adapted to that order of development, and that Object Teaching is most in harmony with these views and best calculated to develop and discipline the faculties of childhood.

3. The President's opinion that the agitation in regard to Separate Schools should be deprecated, is in accordance with the views of the majority of the people of Upper Canada.

4. Your Committee regard the religious character of the Teacher as a qualification of vital importance.

5. And finally, we would suggest that Dr. Ormiston be respectfully requested to furnish the Printing Committee with a copy of his admirable address, for publication along with the Minutes of this Session, and that in case he cannot find it convenient to comply with the request, the said Committee make as good use as they can of the report of the address as published in the *Globe* of the 8th.

J. B. DIXON, *Chairman*.
J. CARLYLE.

Moved by Mr. Seath, seconded by Mr. McAlister, That in the opinion of this Association, the present system of granting certificates to teachers by County Boards of Examination is injurious to the interests of Education and unjust to the teachers ; and this Association would recommend the appointment of a Central Board of Examiners, the certificates granted by which should be valid throughout Upper Canada. The examination questions of which Board to be distributed amongst sub-Boards in each electoral district. Said sub-boards to conduct the examinations and forward the answers to the Central Board for adjudication. Moved in amendment by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. G. Young, That this meeting reaffirms its decision of last year in regard to the mode of granting certificates. In amendment to the amendment, Mr. Chesnut moved, seconded by Dr. Carlyle, That this Associa-

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