

H. E. Griffiths motion was lost on a vote of 12 to 16.

J. Armstrong then moved, seconded by Mr. Carey,

"That no further Government grant be given to universities or colleges, and that we recommend that the books in our Public Schools be given to the pupils free of charge."

T. Hanlon thought higher education was a necessity, as these schools required competent teachers.

J. Aldridge withdrew his amendment, Mr. Potts withdrew his motion, and Mr. Armstrong's motion was adopted.

D. J. O'Donoghue moved, seconded by J. Aldridge,

"That we recommend that all the Assemblies and Trades' Unions enforce, where applicable, upon their respective trades the necessity of doing away with contract or piece-work among tradesmen and laborers."

T. Moor said that piece-work was very detrimental to those in his trade, and it was his experience that it always tended to lower the wages.

Messrs. Carter, Rose, and others, spoke for a short while, and, after passing the resolution, the Congress adjourned until 7.30 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

Upon resuming deliberations at 7.30,

C. M. Harris moved, seconded by W. D. Davidge,

"That this Congress approves of the appointment of a Board of Arbitration, to which all disputes between workmen and their employers shall be submitted."

The mover of the resolution (Mr. Harris) thought that all there assembled would agree with him as to the urgent necessity of some more practicable and rational method of settling trades' disputes than those at present in vogue, and was also certain that employers of labor would approve of efforts being put forth with this end in view.

W. D. Davidge informed the Convention that the Union he represented had specially instructed him and his co-delegates to lay this matter before the Congress for an expression of opinion upon it. He thought the present time was the best for establishing such a board, as there were very few strikes agitating the minds of wage-earners, and that the many differences of opinion almost certain to arise between employer and employee during a period of depression, could be amicably adjusted without much loss to either side.