

*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this Section the professional training of First and Second Class Teachers is quite defective and the attention of the Hon. the Minister of Education is hereby respectfully directed to the necessity of a thorough investigation into the character of the lectures delivered in the Normal Schools and into the methods of teaching practised in the Model Schools.

A general and profitable conversation was held on "A Day's Work in School," which was introduced by Mr. Dearness.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Section that Clause 29 of the amended School Act of 1879 should be repealed, as detrimental to the best interests of education.

*Resolved*,—That whereas the present method of extending teachers' certificates has proved very unsatisfactory, therefore, in the opinion of this Section, the power of extending such certificates should be vested in the County Boards of Examiners; that the said Boards of Examiners should be empowered to require candidates for such extensions to attend any one of the departmental examinations or not, at their discretion.

*Resolved*,—That whereas in several counties there is at present a scarcity of teachers, this Section would respectfully recommend that in these the Boards of Examiners be authorized, on representing their necessities, to grant Third Class Certificates, on receiving the necessary Model School training, to a sufficient number selected from the best of those rejected at the Intermediate Examination held in such counties, in order to relieve such scarcity; and for this purpose the Boards, on application to the Department, be furnished with the marks obtained at this examination.

*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this Section it is unnecessary to have the marks returned for every question in the Entrance Examination report, as these marks are put on the papers of the candidates, which are all sent to the Department.