

VIII.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business of ordinary meetings shall be

- (a) Roll of Officers called.
- (b) Reading of Minutes.
- (c) Reading of Communications.
- (d) Reports of Committees.
- (e) Business arising out of the Minutes.
- (f) Election of New Members.
- (g) Reading of papers announced in annual programme.
- (h) New Business.
- (i) Election of Officers.
- (j) Adjournment.

NOTE :—This Order of Business may at any time be altered by a majority vote.

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

At this stage the subject of Departmental Examinations was taken up. The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Fessenden, seconded by Mr. Birchard :—(1) Inasmuch as it is impossible for any examiner to set papers uniform or nearly uniform from year to year while the average of thousands of candidates is nearly uniform ; therefore, be it resolved that in the opinion of this Section it is desirable that to some extent the candidates should be made the standard of qualification. (2) Inasmuch as the candidates at the departmental examinations have been taught by masters who do not all follow the same line of thought, and it is not desirable that all masters should be forced to teach in the same way ; therefore, this Section would recommend that two or more examiners set questions on the same paper, and that each paper contain more questions than the candidate is permitted to attempt.

A long discussion followed, taken part in by Messrs. A. Miller, Merchant, Pomeroy, Harstone, J. Millar, Embree, Strang, MacMurphy, Steele and Wright.

The motion was adopted.

COUNTY BOARD.

Mr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. J. E. Dickson, that in the opinion of this section a County Board of Examiners, composed only of the head-masters of High schools or Collegiate Institutes and the Public School Inspectors within the county, should read the answers of candidates for admission to High Schools, and that the

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