

Petitions from Inspectors Fothergill, Thompson and Lyster in regard to text-books in Agriculture, &c., were received.

The sub-committee to whom the preparation of an order of business had been referred, recommends as follows:—

First. Reading of Correspondence.

Second. Receiving report on Finances.

• Third. Communications from Education Department.

Fourth. Reports of Sub-Committees.

Fifth. Consideration of Correspondence reports and communications.

Sixth. Unfinished business.

Seventh. New Business.

Eighth. Reading of minutes and confirmation thereof.

Signed, R. W. HENEKER,
“ G. D. MATTHEWS.

On motion of Dr. Heneker, seconded by Dr. Mathews, it was resolved:—

“That the above report be received and adopted.”

Accounts, with vouchers, submitted by the Secretary, were examined and found correct. Balance due the Secretary, \$288.85.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned to meet on Wednesday, the 28th May, or sooner if necessary, on the call of the Chairman.

GEORGE WEIR, *Secretary.*

ELEMENTARY TRAINING IN OUR SCHOOLS.

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In these days of highly advanced learning, of High Schools and Colleges, of examinations, and newspapers to tell of the result of these examinations, when the object of the great majority seems not to be to obtain the possession of a store of solid and useful knowledge, but simply to gain a notoriety for superiority, whether merited or unmerited, we are apt to give more attention to that which, apparently, will give the quickest and best returns, to build a fine superstructure, while neglecting to see if the foundation be sound, or in other words to cram and drill the senior pupil at the expense of the junior. It is a fact, that in far too many cases a great part of the educated, as well as the ignorant portion of the population, judge of a teacher's capacity and standing, by the number of pupils he manages to literally shove through an examination. This, it is needless to say, is a very poor criterion, but as it is one very generally accepted, it must neces-