

tise deep teaching, instead of skimming over the minds of children, and imparting a superficial knowledge of things. At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Platt was, on the motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. McCallum, tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following was the result of the election:—President, Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D., Queen's University, Kingston; Vice-Presidents—1st, E. Scarlett, Public School Inspector of Northumberland; 2nd, Samuel Wood, M.A., High School, Kingston; 3rd, R. Lewis, George Street Public School, Toronto; 4th, H. I. Strang, B.A., High School, Owen Sound; 5th, J. R. Miller, Public School Inspector of South Huron; 6th, David Johnston, Cobourg; Recording Secretary, A. McMurchy, M.A., Toronto High School; Corresponding Secretary, Thos. Kirkland, M.A., Normal School, Toronto; Treasurer, Samuel McAllister, Toronto; Councillors—Messrs. Alexander, J. H. Hunter, Dundas High School; Platt, Anderson, and Macintosh.

ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY.

Moved by Mr. W. ANDERSON, seconded by Mr. MILLER,—"That in future the Recording Secretary be authorized to obtain the assistance of a competent person to record the minutes of our annual conventions, who shall be paid by the Association."—Carried.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES.

Moved by Mr. E. B. HARRISON, seconded by Mr. J. J. TILLEY,—"That in the opinion of this Convention it is desirable that all candidates for teachers' certificates shall be examined at such times as to afford them an opportunity of receiving certificates of qualification previous to the time of opening the schools, and that the day of the week be taken instead of the day of the month; and that the Council of Public Instruction be requested to make the necessary changes." Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following gentlemen were appointed the Standing Committees, under the sixth clause of the report of the Committee on Union: High School Section—Messrs. J. H. Hunter, M.A., J. M. Buchan, M.A., H. I. Strang, B.A., J. Seath, B.A., and A. M. McCallum, M.A.; Public School Section—Messrs. Alexander, Watson, Campbell, Carey and Young; Section of Public School Inspectors—Messrs. Tilley, Harrison, Platt, Fotheringham, and McAllister.

INCORPORATION.

The Committee on Incorporation submitted their report, which contained the following recommendations:—1. That this Association apply to the Legislature of this Province at its next session, for an Act of Incorporation. 2. That in connection with said Act of Incorporation, it ask for the Power of electing three members of the Council of Public Instruction, one to be elected by and to represent each of the three sections into which this Association will in future be divided. 3. That an election of said members of the Council of Public Instruction take place at the regular annual meetings of the Association, and in a manner similar to that of the Branches of the Law Society; that the members of this Association only shall have the right of voting; and that each person so elected shall hold office for three years. 4. That the three members shall be elected at the first meeting of the Association next after the passing of said Act, and that one shall retire at the end of the first year, one at the end of the second year, and one at the end of the third year, the order of retirement being decided by lot by the three members themselves, provided always that a retiring member shall be eligible for re-election. 5. That in case of death, removal, or resignation of a member, another shall be elected in his place at the next regular meeting of the Association. The report was adopted.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The Committee on Text-Books reported as follows:—1. While strongly approving of uniformity in text-books, the committee, in respect to the works below mentioned, recommend that, until such time as more suitable text-books are provided, it be permissible to employ in our schools standard British or Canadian publications: "Lovell's General Geography," "Davies' English Grammar." 2. Algebra.—The committee recommend that for elementary instruction in Algebra Todhunter's smaller treatise be employed, while for the use of advanced students, Sangster's treatise be retained. 3. Arithmetic.—The committee regret exceedingly, that while changes have been made in the text books on Arithmetic, without

any sufficient cause or agitation, on the other hand, text books against which the Association has long and earnestly protested are retained. Finally, with regard to every future educational text-book submitted for approval to the Council of Public Instruction, the committee recommend that such treatise, previously to such approval, be submitted to a committee nominated by the Ontario Teachers' Association. The clause with regard to arithmetic was withdrawn. The rest of the report was adopted without amendment. Moved by Mr. KIRKLAND, seconded by Mr. GLASHAN,—"That this Association highly approve of the new text-books in arithmetic (a few typographical errors excepted), but would request the author in the next edition to add the Miscellaneous Examples from the English edition. Carried.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

The committee that was appointed to prepare a report on Teachers' Institutes submitted the following:—That under the present system of examination it is essentially necessary to have some connecting link between our schools and Examining Boards to provide professional training for such teachers as do not feel disposed to attend the Normal School; and, believing that Teachers' Institutes, properly conducted, would partially remedy the existing state of affairs, and that they would tend to systematize the whole work of our Public Schools throughout the Province, the committee would, therefore, strongly urge the formation of County Institutes, to be held immediately before the summer examinations, attendance at such meetings to be noticed by examiners in awarding certificates, and to carry out the idea would recommend that the Chief Superintendent be respectfully requested to take immediate steps to put the present law in force for this purpose.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. ANDERSON moved, seconded by Mr. Glashan, "That the Board of Directors be authorized to consolidate the constitution in accordance with the resolutions passed during the present Convention." A protracted discussion ensued upon this motion, Mr. Hodgson protesting strongly against it as being unconstitutional. Finally, however, it was carried, Mr. Hodgson alone dissenting.

EXPENSES.

Moved by Mr. HUNTER, seconded by Mr. McCallum, "That in the event of the Legislature conceding the request of the Association for representation in the Council of Public Instruction, and, furthermore, in the event of the Legislature declining to assume the expenses incurred by the attendance on the Council of such representatives as are not resident in Toronto, such expenses be defrayed by the Association."—Carried.

VOTES OF THANKS

were passed to the Chief Superintendent of Education for the use of the theatre of the Normal School buildings; to the representatives of the city papers for their reports of the proceedings of the Association; to the Grand Trunk, Great Western and Northern Railway Companies for courtesies, and to the members of the Association residing in Toronto for the amount of work they had voluntarily performed in the interest of the Association.

REPRESENTATION OF TEACHERS.

The Treasurer, Mr. McALLISTER, remarked that the officers of the Association estimated that the delegates who had attended this Convention represented from 600 to 1,000 of the school teachers of the Province. Moved by Mr. McCALLUM, seconded by Mr. Seath, "That it is highly desirable that the attention of teachers be especially called by communications through the press in different parts of the Province to the importance and present benefits of attending the meetings of our Conventions."

DUTIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Moved by Mr. McCALLUM, seconded by Mr. Seath, "That the by-law defining the duties of the Standing Committees be inserted in the minutes of the present year."—Carried.

The Convention then adjourned.—*Globe, Telegraph, and Leader.*

II. REVISED OFFICIAL REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS AND COUNTY EXAMINERS.

Prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario, under the Authority of Sections Seven and Eleven of the School Act of 1871.

1. Qualifications of Public School Inspectors.

All County and City Superintendents of Common or Public Schools who have held that office consecutively for three years;