

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 2 p.m.

Mr. McQueen, President, in the chair.

The President in a few well-chosen words thanked the Association for the honor conferred on him in electing him to preside.

In the absence of Mr. Hunter who was appointed to read a paper on "The Advisability of holding but one High School Entrance Examination" each year, it was decided on motion to discuss the subject. The following gentlemen took part in the discussion: Messrs. Woods, Dearness, Harvie, Lent, Mackintosh, Doig, Ayeast, Birchard, Stewart, Dunn, Frampton, Woodworth, Waugh, Tom, Powell, McHenry, Davis, Fotheringham, McKenzie, and Bright.

Moved by Mr. D. Fotheringham, seconded by Mr. J. Tom,—That whilst two Entrance Examinations a year may interfere to some extent with the efficient working of some High Schools, yet in the interests of the Public Schools to which these fill the double place of a promotion test, and also a graduating standard, it is not desirable to discontinue the opportunity of this valuable test of attainments. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Ayeast,—That in the opinion of this Association, it is advisable that only one examination for entrance into our High Schools and Collegiate Institutes should be held annually. Carried.

Mr. J. H. Smith gave notice of the following motion,—Resolved, that in the event of the Entrance Examinations being held only once a year becoming law, it is very desirable that such examinations be held at or near the Easter vacation.

Mr. William Houston, M.A., addressed the Convention on the subject of Teaching History.

Moved by Mr. Scarlett, seconded by Mr. Barnes,—That the thanks of this Association be tendered Mr. Houston for his valuable address. Carried.

The discussion on Mr. Houston's address was taken part in by Messrs. Woods, Chapman, Harvie, Birchard, Tom, Alexander, Mackintosh, Campbell, Brebner, Smith.

Moved by Mr. Ramage, seconded by Mr. Powell,—That History be retained on Entrance Examinations, but that a special period or periods be selected for more critical study. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Lent,—That History be not retained on the Entrance Examination. Lost.

The Auditing Committee reported.

The Report was received and adopted.