

before the Committee and submit his report of the inspection of schools. The report was received.

On the motion of Rev. Dr. Cornish, seconded by Dr. Cameron, it was resolved: "That a sub-committee consisting of the Dean of Quebec and Dr. Weir, be appointed to supervise the printing of the amended Course of Study and the amendments to the Regulations and Syllabus of Examinations for Teachers' Diplomas consequent upon these amendments and the changes in reference to the A.A. Examination.

The Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay presented on behalf of the Standing Sub-Committee on Elementary Schools the following report which was received and the sub-committee continued:—

*The Sub-Committee on Elementary Schools.*

The Sub-Committee has been deeply impressed with the separation which seems to exist between the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction and the Elementary Schools. So far as they can discover, the whole work of the management of Elementary Schools has been left to the Secretary and the Inspectors, which, no doubt, has been most carefully done. Nevertheless, we are convinced that the Elementary Schools, forming as they do the foundation of any successful system of national education, should receive more consideration and come more regularly under the care of the Protestant Committee. Some reasons may exist why Superior Education has so completely occupied the time of the Protestant Committee. It has had a fund to administer for Superior Education, and has been led to make certain regulations in the case of Academies and Model Schools by which the advantages of that fund could be obtained, and so has brought about a close relationship between such institutions and the Protestant Committee. Between the Elementary Schools and the Protestant Committee no such tie exists. The assistance Elementary Schools derive is a matter of municipal law, and they are without the inducements of extra exertions, which would most certainly be made in many localities if such efforts were recognized and encouraged by some defined system of assistance from the Protestant Committee. The Elementary Schools are in places known to members of the Sub-Committee most deplorable as regards the buildings, sanitary arrangements, appliances for teaching; the teachers, mostly able and faithful, but wretchedly underpaid, and unless some steps are taken to impress school commissioners with the possibility of a better state of things, Superior Education will suffer, and be retarded by the lack of the due preparation which well conducted Elementary Schools should provide. The Sub-Committee has great respect for the able body of men engaged as Inspectors of Elementary Schools, and would suggest that they be invited to report, severally or unitedly, on the present state of Elementary Schools, the stipend of the teachers, etc., in what way Elementary Schools could be made more efficient, and brought