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took the chair, and a most hearty vote of thanks was given to the President for his explanatory and able address.

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10.30.

**SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.**—The President, Prof. Young, in the chair. The Convention opened with reading of Scripture and prayer by the President. Minutes of first day's proceedings read and confirmed. The President retired, calling on the 2nd V. P. to take the chair.

H. I. Strang, B. A., of Owen Sound, introduced the second topic on the annual circular, and spoke to the following effect:—"I conceive the first of the causes of failure in teaching to be poor education in the teacher, but I think this evil will soon be remedied under the new law. Another cause of failure appears to me to be that persons undertake to teach without having received professional training. He might be told that such persons should attend the Normal School, but he held that that institution was not adequate to train all the teachers the country required. A good deal might be done, however, by the teachers themselves, in reading educational works and papers and in attending the meetings of this Association. He thought that teachers failed, also, from lack of judgment. A great many teachers did not consider sufficiently the differences of intellectual ability in their pupils and laid down too many rules. But perhaps the most serious cause of failure was the entering of teachers into the profession and continuing in it without any taste for their work. This fault was readily noticed by the pupils. If a teacher showed himself enthusiastic in his work, pupils would be the more likely to be earnest in their studies." The discussion on this topic was animated and interesting, in which the following gentlemen took part: Macalister, Scarlett, Tilley, Woods, Tamblyn and Prof. McCoun, of Belleville.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—Mr. William Watson, 2nd V. P., in the chair.

Mr. William Anderson, Toronto High School, introduced topic number three on the annual circular. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Anderson for his interesting paper; moved by Mr. Scarlett, seconded by Archibald Macallum, M. A.

A long and able discussion ensued on the subject introduced by Mr. Anderson, during which reference was made to the examination papers prepared by the Central Committee for licensing teachers throughout the Province, as well as to the authorized text book on English Grammar. The discussion was brought to a satisfactory conclusion by adopting the following motion.

Moved by Mr. William Anderson, seconded by J. M. Buchan, M. A., "That we highly approve of the general plan of examination of Public School teachers now in operation in this Province, as being in accordance with the views frequently expressed by this Association, and would suggest that in future each paper bear the name of the individual examiner preparing it."