

Third Session. Wednesday, September 16, 9.55 a.m.

Mr. Husband reported for the regional committees that the regional chairmen had studied the circular issued by the investigating committee, and had concluded that their respective committees could be of service chiefly in three ways:- 1, By finding suitable persons willing to undertake the study of problems already described; 2, by arranging for the trial of tests and for examinations within their regions; 3, by making known the nature and purpose of the whole investigation and circulating information for their particular regions. He believed that many of the problems which had been suggested could be undertaken profitably even by persons without special training for research, and that the interest which would thus be aroused would be one valuable result.

He mentioned some local problems which had hitherto passed unnoticed: the insufficient preparation of students who passed from continuation schools into the middle schools; the infrequency of inspection, and the lack of inspectors trained in modern languages; the uneven preparation of students of German in the middle west.

The chairman enquired as to a valuable circular issued by the Department of Education of Alberta on psychological subjects. Mr. Kerr explained that it was the result of a reorganization of the high schools, and could be obtained from the department in Alberta.

Mr. Husband remarked that during the Autumn, meetings would be held of Teachers' Federations in various districts. He could arrange to be present at some of these meetings and explain this investigation to the teachers. The chairman promised support.