

School Teachers' Section; McCallum, McIntosh, and the mover, of the Public School Inspectors' Section, be appointed to confer with the Minister of Education, with a view to secure the establishment of a Representative Board to advise with him in educational matters."

Mr. Suddaby moved in amendment, "That the names of Messrs. Moran and Dickenson be substituted in the proposed Committee for those of Messrs. Alexander and McAllister." After further discussion, Mr. Alexander and Mr. McMurchy asked that their names be withdrawn from the Committee. The amendment was put and lost.

Mr. Dickenson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Suddaby, "That Mr. Moran's name be substituted for Mr. Alexander's." Lost. The motion was then carried.

EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The discussion of Mr. Lewis's paper, postponed from the previous day, was then resumed.

Mr. McAllister explained that the resolutions he had submitted were the expression of the Public School section, in which they had been thoroughly discussed. The resolutions were taken up *seriatim*.

The first resolution, referring to the recognition of experience in teaching, was carried.

On the second resolution, proposing to allow candidates the option of taking three examinations to pass, Mr. Suddaby moved in amendment, "That, in the opinion of this Association, it is advisable that candidates for first or second-class certificates be examined in all the subjects at the same time, as heretofore; that all persons holding third-class certificates be required to write on second-class papers at the expiration of the three years; that the Inspector be authorized to extend for one year the certificates of any candidate who, having failed to take a second-class certificate has nevertheless made per cent. on arithmetic and grammar separately, and per cent. on the whole."

Mr. McIntosh moved to strike out all the words after "heretofore." The amendment to the amendment and the amendment were lost.

Mr. Strange moved an amendment striking out the references to the second class, and limiting the number of examinations to two instead of three. The amendment was lost by 29 to 25.

Mr. McKinnon moved to substitute "one" for "two" in the main motion, thus limiting the examinations to two instead of three for both first and second-class certificates. The amendment was lost.

The original motion was then put, and was carried by 32 to 24. It is as follows:—"That candidates for the grades of both first and second-class certificates should be allowed the option of taking up the whole of the subjects at one examination, or of dividing them into the work of two subsequent examinations—if they take up the whole at one examination and fail, they should be required to be examined the next year in those subjects only in which they failed."

The remaining resolutions were carried, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy to the Minister of Education.

THE LATE MR. DIXON.

Mr. Scarlett, from the Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the late J. B. Dixon, reported, asking leave to prepare an obituary notice for publication in the minutes and in the *Journal of Education*. The report was adopted, and the required leave was granted.

THE CONSTITUTION OF MATTER.

Dr. Haanel, of Victoria College, Cobourg, read a most interesting, eloquent, and learned paper on the constitution of matter. He contended against the theory of the continuity of matter, and in favour of its atomic constitution, each atom being a group of indivisible created particles, which he terms ultimates. This view pointed, he alleged, indisputably to the existence of a First Cause. The essay, though necessarily clothed in technical language, was diversified by most poetical similes, remarkable for the purity and elegance of its English, and essentially practical in its tendency. Mr. Moran (Stratford) moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Haanel. Dr. Kelley seconded the motion. Other members having spoken in terms of the highest compliment of the lecture, the motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. May, of the Educational Department, was called on by the Chairman to address the meeting. He said he had been appointed by the Government to superintend the Educational Department of Ontario at the Centennial Exhibition, and was happy to know that they had received praise from all sources. He had found that a

great many people did not know where Ontario was, and many others had no idea of the kind of teachers we had. He explained arrangements which had been made for a teachers' excursion to Philadelphia, the total cost of which, including stay, would be about \$25. He said there would be an advantage in going in September, viz.: that they would be able to hear the evening lectures on educational matters which would then be going on. Mr. McIntosh moved the appointment of a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hughes, McAllister, Deane, and McMurchy, to confer with the Minister of Education on the subject. Mr. Dickenson moved to leave the matter in the hands of Dr. May.

Dr. May thought it would be improper for him to ask the Minister to give the teachers a week. He would be happy to write to him, to urge the desirability of the teachers visiting the Exhibition, and to give them his services when they were at Philadelphia. After various remarks on the subject, a vote of thanks to Dr. May was carried.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES.

Mr. McIntosh, East Hastings; Mr. Moran, Stratford; Mr. Suddaby, Waterloo; Mr. Dearness, East Middlesex; Mr. Dickenson, North York; Mr. Dawson, South Hastings; Mr. Coates, Halton; Mr. McArdle, Ottawa; Mr. Clarke, Toronto; Mr. McQueen, Wentworth; Mr. Scarlett, Northumberland; and Mr. Harvey, Peterboro', gave short verbal reports from their respective branch Associations.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Secretary said he had received an invitation from Mr. Thorburn, for the Association to meet at Ottawa next year. He had also received a letter from the Secretary of the Protestant Teachers' Association of Quebec, asking this Association to appoint a delegation to their meeting in October. It was resolved to send Mr. Dawson, of Belleville. It was also resolved to meet next year in Toronto.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Goldwin Smith, for their courtesy and hospitality; to the railroad companies, for reducing the fares; to the Education Department, for the use of the hall; and especially to the city newspapers, for their full and accurate reports of the meetings; and to Mr. McQueen, for his conduct in the chair.

The National Anthem was then sung, and the Convention closed.

MEETINGS OF SECTIONS.

High School Masters' Section.

The Committee appointed to draw up a series of resolutions on the Intermediate Examination reported the following, which, after a spirited discussion, were unanimously adopted:—

I. That in the opinion of the High School Section it is desirable: I. That having passed the Intermediate Examination should be considered as equivalent to having passed the Junior Pass Matriculation Examination of the University, the examination for a teacher's certificate, and the preliminary examinations for the Law Society and Medical Council, with such modifications as may be deemed necessary.

II. That pupils who have passed the Matriculation Examination of the Universities, or the examination for second-class certificates, shall be considered as having passed the Intermediate Examination next preceding.

III. That the masters be furnished with full information regarding the result of the examination of each pupil in each subject.

IV. That the test subjects for the Intermediate Examination be grouped in the following manner:—

1. Arithmetic, algebra, and Euclid.
2. English grammar, composition, and dictation.
3. History, geography, and English literature; and that candidates who obtain 40 per cent. of the total in each group, and not less than 20 per cent. in each subject, shall be considered as having passed the examination.

A resolution was also adopted in favour of increasing the fixed bonus to High Schools from \$400 to \$500, with a view to saving the weaker schools from extinction. After a brief and very desultory discussion of the High School programme, a resolution was adopted affirming the advisability of consulting the High School masters, through their representatives in the Senate, about any future changes which may be made in the curriculum of the Provincial University.

Mr. Alexander then moved, seconded by Mr. Johnston, "That the minutes be approved of as read, which was agreed to."

Mr. Moran then moved, seconded by Mr. Moir, "That the Sec