

vacation in Common Schools be four weeks, ending at the same time as the Grammar School vacation." At the meeting in 1866, "That the Association instructs the Special Committee on Primary Instruction, appointed yesterday, to procure and examine the publication used by the Home and Colonial Infant and Juvenile Training School, of London, England, and to visit by delegation or otherwise, the city of Oswego, and report upon the practical working of the English system as practised in the primary school in that city." At the meeting in 1867, "That the true civilisation and enlightenment of a country depend, to a great extent, on the mental and moral culture and refinement of the females of that country; therefore, in the opinion of this Convention, any scheme that would prevent girls from attending our Grammar Schools on terms of perfect equality with boys, would be a step in the wrong direction, and subversive of the best interests of our new and prosperous country; and that the proposed virtual exclusion of girls appears to be too hasty, as they have not had a fair trial since the passage of the new Grammar School Act." At the meeting of 1868, "That in the opinion of this Convention, the only effectual method of dealing with our juvenile vagrant population is to establish industrial schools for their reception and training, in which they would be brought up free from the hurtful influence of the streets, and prepared for the after duties of life." At the meeting of 1873 a report on Model Schools and Teachers' Institutes was adopted, of which the following is a part: "(a) That as teaching is a profession, its members require professional training,