

year; (2) that a circular be sent to High School teachers pointing out the special advantages of the annual meeting, and urging the attendance of the masters; (3) that the question of the change in the time of holding the annual meeting be referred to the General Executive Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Embree, the Executive Committee of the section was recommended to make such changes in the constitution and duties of the Legislative Committee that it might take the place of an Advisory Committee, and be consulted by the Minister on questions regarding which he might wish to consult the High School masters.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the status of Upper Canada College, and its relation to the Provincial system of education, submitted the following report in the form of a memorial to be presented to the Minister of Education:—

"The High School Section of the Ontario Teachers' Association would respectfully submit to the hon. the Minister of Education that, although at one time Upper Canada College was a necessary adjunct of the Provincial University, it is no longer in the interests of secondary education that a school of this character should be maintained from provincial funds. In support of this contention they submit:—

"1. That the record of the matriculation examination at the Toronto and other universities of Ontario clearly prove that the work of preparing candidates for the examination is quite as well done at the county and city High Schools as at Upper Canada College.

"2. That in the training of Public School teachers the High Schools do an important provincial work, in which Upper Canada College has no part.

"3. That the Education Department has found it necessary to select training institutes from the High Schools, which depend largely upon local support.

"They submit further that the funds that have been diverted to the Upper Canada College are urgently needed for the purposes of higher education. It is therefore the opinion of this section that, in the general interests of education in this Province, Upper Canada College should be closed, and its revenues appropriated for other purposes."

Mr. Embree moved the adoption of the report, which was discussed at some length.

Mr. Connor moved the postponement of the consideration of the report until next year.

The motion for the adoption of the report was carried on a vote of eleven to four.

Some time was then spent in considering the new regulations relating to High Schools.

The Minister of Education explained the regulations and asked for suggestions.

A special committee composed of Messrs. MacMurchy, Fessenden, and Dixon, was appointed to devise and report a scheme for the organization of a college of preceptors for Ontario.

This concluded the business and the section adjourned.

In the Inspector's section the regulations respecting inspectors' qualifications having been taken into consideration it was decided to recommend that hereafter no certificate as inspector be granted to a candidate except it be accompanied by proof of successful teaching in a Public School whilst holding a Provincial certificate. This will tend to make the inspectorships prizes for the ablest Public School teachers.

The following Committee was appointed to prepare a report to trustees, and to submit the same to the Hon. the Minister:—J. C. Morgan, Barrie, Chairman, James Brebner, Sarnia; James Dearness, London.

After several other improvements to the existing regulations had been adopted the election of officers was proceeded with, with the following results:—

President—Mr. F. L. Micholl, Perth.

Secretary—Mr. James Brebner, Sarnia.

Directors—Messrs. A. Campbell, Kincardine; J. C. Morgan, Barrie; W. H. Ballard, Hariton; H. Reazni, Manilla; and R. W. Murray, Picton.

Legislative Committee—Messrs. James Dearness, London; D. Clapp, Harriston; and McIntosh, Madoc.

The Association commenced its third day's session at 2 p. m., Mr. John Munro in the chair.

The first business entered upon was the election of officers, and the following were chosen on the recommendation of the Executive Committee:

President—Mr. S. McAllister, Toronto.

Recording Secretary—Mr. R. W. Dean, Toronto.

Corresponding Secretary—Mr. D. H. Hunter, Woodstock.

Treasurer—Mr. W. J. Hendry, Toronto.

Mr. Thomas Swift, Ottawa, read a paper on "Reading as a part of Elocution." This will appear in a subsequent issue of the JOURNAL.

Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia, was introduced and warmly received. He expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present and enjoy their discussions. He referred humorously to the fact, which he became aware of when listening to their discussions, that mistakes were sometimes made even in Ontario in the management of educational affairs. In such matters he was glad to see that they, like the Nova Scotians, spoke out.

Mr. Campbell presented the following resolution adopted by the Inspector's Section, in reference to the late Inspector Little:—

"That this section has reason to deplore the loss during the past year of one of its most esteemed members, the late Robert Little, Public School Inspector for Halton. In him his fellow-workers find that they have lost a warm, true-hearted friend, one whose ripe experience, wide attainments, and sound judgement made his counsel always reliable. The heart-felt sympathies of Mr. Little's late colleagues are extended to his sorrowing widow."

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the resolution was adopted. A copy was ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Little.

At the evening session Mr. A. MacMurchy presented the following resolution from the High School Section, relative to the late Principal Buchan, and moved its adoption:

"Whereas, in the mysterious providence of God it has pleased Him to remove from our midst our respected friend and colleague, J. M. Buchan, Esq., M.A., late Principal of Upper Canada College, therefore be it resolved by the Teachers' Association of Ontario:—

"That we place on record our appreciation of the many noble qualities of the deceased, his ardent adherence to principle, his firm and just discharge of the many duties devolving upon him in the various public offices held by him, and his upright conduct in the relations of life, and in common with the friends of the educational institutions of the country with which he was closely connected, and which are now deprived of his inestimable advice and influence, we deplore his early death in the midst of a career of usefulness and honour; while to his aged parent (father) and bereaved widow and family we tender our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss sustained by them in the removal of a beloved son, a loving husband, and a kind and affectionate father.

"That a copy of this preamble and resolution be engrossed and signed by the president and secretary and forwarded to Mrs. Buchan, and the accompanying recommendation be entered upon the minutes and published in the various city papers."

Mr. Miller seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Body, Provost of Trinity College, was introduced to the Association and read a paper on "Education in Relation to Character." He was followed by Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia with an essay on "The Historical Development of Education." Both these valuable papers will duly appear in the columns of the JOURNAL. In moving a vote of thanks to Rev. Provost Body and Dr. Allison, Mr. Samuel Woods, M.A., said it would be noticed that the lecturers had taken almost diametrically opposite views, but that was only an evidence of the freedom with which they treated educational matters.

The usual votes of thanks to various persons to whose courtesy the members of the Association felt themselves indebted, there being no further business, the annual meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Special Articles.

PERMANENCY OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

The subject of this paper is more important than attractive. Its right treatment demands more time and space,—not to say, ability—than at my disposal. I shall hope, however, to enlist your sympathy and develop profitable discussion.