

ada may enjoy the blessing of a national system of education, free from all sectarian tests, and we deeply sympathize with the Lower Canada minority and hope they may enjoy the privileges of the Upper Canada minority. The Convention adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Morning Session, August 8th, 1866.* The Association met with the President in the chair. The Rev. Dr. Wickson then delivered a valuable address on the dignity and value of the Teachers' work; at the conclusion of which the thanks of the meeting were cordially tendered to the Rev. A. McMurchy, seconded by Mr. A. Macallum, moved that Messrs. D. Ormiston and McCabe be a Finance Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the years 1865-'66, and report at the first session of the following day.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. McCabe, That a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of having this Association incorporated, and the best means for doing so, and that said committee consist of Messrs. McCabe, Alexander, Buchanan and Anderson, to report this afternoon.

The first subject announced in the annual circular was then discussed: "The consideration of what means can be adopted in connection with our system of education, for ameliorating the condition of the vagrant children of our cities and towns." In connection therewith, Mr. McNaughton moved, seconded by Mr. E. Scarlett, That in view of the growing evil of irregularity in the attendance of our schools, this Convention would recommend the following as a remedy: 1st. That every child in a school section shall be required to attend school for at least four months in the year, in default of which the parent or guardian shall pay 25 cents for each pupil for each month during which he fails to comply with the above requirement. 2d. That for the non-payment of fines the proper authorities shall have power to punish by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months. 3d. That no month shall be accounted in which the pupil has been absent more than five days. It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Carlyle, seconded by Mr. Seath, That this Association fully recognizes the importance of regular attendance in our schools, and hopes that ere long measures will be adopted to compel the attendance of all children at school for at least four months a year. The amendment was adopted by a large majority.