

The Rev. F. C. Simmons was present and read a written reply to the questions which had been forwarded by the Chairman.

The Tasmanian Act for establishing a Council of Education was put in by Mr. Simmons, who made the following suggestions:—

“That the standard for scholarships was pitched too high, the consequence of which was that candidates having to come up to a given standard were greatly discouraged in the event of failure. Two boys under any circumstances should get scholarships. Another mistake was examining boys in geology and natural science, and placing too high a value on these subjects, the result of which was that the boys simply got up text books by heart, without acquiring any real knowledge.

“With regard to the first part, if it were determined to make the same machinery available for conferring a degree, the examination for a degree should have reference to a fixed standard,—that for the scholarships should simply be directed to ascertaining the best. In the Tasmanian Act the examinations for scholarships and degrees were separate. The candidate for the scholarship has to pass the degree examination in the previous year. This seems an unnecessary complication. I should make the examinations for both at the same time.”

Adjourned to To-morrow.

FRIDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1867.

PRESENT:

Mr. Dillon Bell,
Mr. G. Macfarlan,

Mr. Haughton,
Mr. Ormond.

Mr. Jollie in the Chair.

Minutes read and confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Dillon Bell, *Resolved*, That an intimation be made to the Legislative Council that this Committee will be glad to confer with the Committee of that House on the subject of this inquiry, and to attend their next meeting.

A draft of queries was submitted to the Committee, and ordered to be printed and posted to the following gentlemen:—

Otago.

G. P. Abram, Esq., High School,
D. Brent, Esq., High School,
J. Hislop, Esq., Inspector of Schools,
Rev. D. M. Stuart,
Dr. Alexander,
Rev. J. Edwards,
His Honor the Superintendent.

Canterbury.

H. J. Tancred, Esq.,
Rev. E. Cotterill, the College,
Rev. W. C. Harris,
Very Rev. Dean Jacobs,
C. Veel, Esq.,
Rev. Chas. Fraser, M.A.,
His Honor the Superintendent.

Southland.

A. McNeill, Esq.,
His Honor the Superintendent,

Nelson.

Rev. C. L. Maclean, College,
R. Lee, Esq., Bishop's School,
J. D. Greenwood, Esq.,
Rev. G. H. Johnstone,
W. C. Hodgson, Esq., Inspector of Schools,
Rev. A. M. Garin,
Rev. C. Halcombe,
Rev. S. Poole,
His Honor the Superintendent.

Wellington.

Bishop Abraham,
J. E. FitzGerald, Esq.,
H. E. Tuckey, Esq.,
Rev. P. Aherne,
Rev. C. Chapman, M.A., “Charybdis,”
Bishop Viard,
Rev. J. Andrew,
His Honor the Superintendent,
Dr. Hector,
Rev. P. H. Maxwell.

Auckland.

K. Macrae, Esq., High School,
Dr. Kidd, Collegiate School,
Rev. F. Blackburne, College,
Rev. F. Kinder, Grammar School,
Rev. D. Bruce,
Rev. J. F. Lloyd,
Hon. W. Swainson,
Rev. R. H. Codrington,
Bishop Pompallier,
His Honor the Superintendent.

Hawke's Bay.

Rev. W. Colenso,
His Honor the Superintendent,

Marlborough.

Hon. J. D. Tetley,
His Honor the Superintendent.

Taranaki.

His Honor the Superintendent.

Adjourned to To-morrow.

SATURDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1867.

PRESENT:

Sir D. Monro,
Mr. Haughton,

Dr. Featherston.

Mr. Jollie in the Chair.

Minutes read and confirmed.

The Committee met the Legislative Council Committee, and communicated their proceedings.

Ordered, That the Rev. Mr. Andrew be requested to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

Ordered, That the following names be added to the list of names of gentlemen to whom copies of queries are to be addressed:—Mr. Justice Johnston, Mr. Justice Gresson, Mr. Justice Richmond, Mr. Justice Chapman, Mr. Justice Moore, W. Gray, Esq.

Adjourned to Monday next.