

"That the Department make a regulation requiring every teacher to visit at least one other school during the year."—(*Mr. Bossence.*)

The following motion was withdrawn by consent: "That the Manual of New Zealand Flora, by Cheeseman, be issued free to all public schools, and to teachers at half the published price."—(*Mr. H. Hill.*)

The Chairman conveyed to the Conference Dr. Mason's invitation to attend an exhibition of deep-breathing exercises by Mr. Garlick. The invitation was accepted for 12.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Mr. Hill moved, "That consideration of the medical examination of school-children be postponed until Dr. Mason had addressed the Conference"; seconded by Mr. Watkins.—Motion negatived.

Conference then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1907.

Conference resumed at 10 a.m.

Reports were handed in by the conveners of the general committee and of the secondary education committee, and it was decided that these reports be considered at 2.30 p.m.

The conveners of the regulation committee and of the pupil-teachers' committee intimated that their committees had not completed their reports.

REGULATIONS FOR INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION OF SCHOOLS.

The following motions were referred to the regulations committee:—

"That requirements (3) and (4), Geography A, Standard VI, be withdrawn."—(*Geo. D. Braik.*)

"That in the qualifications for certificates of competency and proficiency, handwork, carrying a due proportion of marks, should be included."—(*Geo. D. Braik.*)

"That the section on moral training be transferred to the section on civics, and (2) that a committee be set up to consider the most appropriate headings under which such instructions should appear."—(*Geo. D. Braik.*)

"That in section 33, Syllabus Regulations, the following words be inserted after the word 'shall' in the eighth line of the section: 'where facilities exist, take woodwork and cookery respectively'; and after the word 'physics' the words 'provided that, where the Inspector is satisfied that cookery is scientifically taught, further science shall not be required of girls.'"—(*Geo. D. Braik.*)

The following motion was, by leave of the Conference, withdrawn: "That the section on physical drill be withdrawn from the syllabus, and (2) that a committee be set up to determine the best form of physical exercises for private schools."—(*Geo. D. Braik.*)

Mr. Bakewell moved, "That there be only one certificate for Standard VI"; Mr. Fleming seconded.—Motion negatived: Ayes, 8; Noes, 29.

Mr. Bakewell moved, "That clauses 34 and 35 (p. 8 of the Regulations) be deleted."—The motion was, by leave of the Conference, withdrawn.

Consideration of the following motion was deferred: "That schools in which an approved course of instruction in deep-breathing is given are meeting all requirements with regard to physical instruction."—(*J. H. Bakewell.*)

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Mr. Mulgan moved, and Mr. Fleming seconded, "That the Senior National Scholarships be awarded to persons of either sex who, being under nineteen years of age, obtained credit at the Junior Scholarship Examination of the University of New Zealand."—Motion carried: Ayes, 20; Noes, 17.

ADDRESS BY MR. COOPER, PRINCIPAL SENIOR INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

On the motion of Mr. Goyen, seconded by Mr. Hill, the standing orders were suspended for the purpose of hearing an address by Mr. Cooper, Principal Senior Inspector of Schools in New South Wales.

Mr. Cooper then gave a highly interesting address concerning educational matters in New South Wales. At the conclusion of the address the Chairman conveyed the thanks of the Conference to Mr. Cooper for the great pleasure he had afforded them, and also reciprocated the good wishes expressed by Mr. Cooper in connection with educational progress in the colony.

Consideration of questions on the order paper was then resumed.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Consideration of the following three motions was deferred:—

"(b.) That the tenure of a Junior National Scholarship be two years, with an extension of an additional year if, in the report of the principal of the school at which the scholarship is held, or of the Inspector-General of Schools, the Minister is satisfied that such extension is warranted."

"(c.) That in the award and tenure of a Junior National Scholarship it be a recommendation to the Legislature to delete the sumptuary clause which now confines such scholarships to the children of a limited class in the community."

"(d.) That, with a view of bridging over the interval at present existing between the Junior and the Senior National Scholarships, a set of Intermediate National Scholarships be established, open to young people under sixteen years of age, and awarded on the results of the Civil Service