

Junior Examination or the Senior Free-place Examination; the tenure to be for a further maximum period of three years under similar conditions, and the qualification the attainment of a position in one or other examination entitling the candidate to a pass with credit."—(*Dr. Anderson.*)

The standing orders were suspended to enable Dr. Mason to explain and illustrate a system of deep-breathing exercises as developed by Mr. Garlick. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Conference to Dr. Mason and Mr. Garlick for their attendance and the interesting exposition given.

Consideration of the questions on the order paper was then continued.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The following motion was referred to the secondary education committee: "That the Department's grant for agricultural training be increased."—(*Geo. D. Braik.*)

STAFFS AND SALARIES.

Consideration of clauses 16 and 21 of the regulations, staffs and salaries, was referred to the secondary education committee on the motion of Mr. Bell.

Mr. Petrie moved, and Mr. Morton seconded, "That the minimum salary for the first teacher in the secondary departments of district high schools be fixed at £200."—Agreed to.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Consideration of the following motion was deferred: "That paragraph (2) of clause 16 of regulations for staffs and salaries (district high schools) be deleted."—(*E. K. Mulgan.*)

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

Mr. Mulgan moved, and Mr. Bakewell seconded, "That in the case of teachers' certificates the division within the class shall be determined—with the limitations in clause 5 of the regulations for teachers' certificates—on the efficiency and practical skill shown—*i.e.*, on the Inspectors' marks alone."—Motion lost.

GENERAL.

Mr. Purdie moved, and Mr. Mulgan seconded, "That, where possible, and in order to promote a more thorough organization of the pupils of each standard class, and to render the teaching thereof more effective, all such pupils should (in classes above Standard III) be taught in the same school."—Agreed to.

Mr. Braik moved, and Mr. Goyen seconded, "That every Inspector receive direct from the Department all regulations and amendments to regulations."—Carried unanimously.

Mr. Bossence moved, and Mr. Stewart seconded, "That the Government be requested to bring in a Teachers Registration Act."—Motion agreed to.

Consideration of the following motion on the order paper was postponed, on the motion of Mr. Bossence, seconded by Mr. Bakewell, "That the Education Department make a regulation requiring every teacher to visit at least one school other than his own every year."—(*C. R. Bossence.*)

Dr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Stewart seconded, "That the subject of Mr. Bossence's motion to the effect that the Government be requested to bring in a Teachers Registration Act be referred to the general committee."—Agreed to.

Dr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Gill seconded, "That the remits from the New Zealand Educational Institute be referred to the regulations committee."—Motion agreed to and remits referred.

Mr. Hill moved, and Mr. Strachan seconded, "That Mr. Gill's name be added to the regulations committee."—Agreed to.

Conference then adjourned.

FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1907.

Conference resumed at 10 a.m.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Wellington Bowling Club extending a hearty invitation to members of the Conference to make use of the club's green during their stay in Wellington. Letter received with thanks, on the motion of Mr. Hogben (Chairman), seconded by Mr. Tennant.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The report of the general committee, as follows, was presented for consideration:—

Your committee has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the remits referred to it, and recommends as follows:

(1.) Correspondence Classes for Teachers.

While affirming the principles of the desirability of the establishment of classes to enable teachers in isolated districts to prepare for the requirements of the Department's examinations for teachers' certificates, that, as the matter depends largely on finance, this committee has no recommendation to make.