

and girls not receiving full-time instruction at secondary or other schools should attend continuation classes until they reach the age of seventeen years."—Seconded by Mr. Braik, and carried.

The motion as amended was then put, and carried on the voices.

The Chairman announced that the next subject for discussion was "The work of secondary and technical schools."

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Alexander addressed the Conference on the question of "Agricultural education."

The Chairman asked for the opinion of the Conference on the following questions: (1.) The overlapping, in case of commercial work and domestic work, between the technical day schools and the secondary schools. (2.) Whether the time has not come to consider the question of competition for scholarships, and the further question of restricting the scholarship grant to children living in country districts.

Mr. Holmes moved, That all Junior National and Education Board Scholarships be abolished; that sufficient travelling-expenses and boarding-allowances be made to those pupils attending secondary schools from a distance or obliged to reside away from home.—Seconded by Mr. Fleming.

It was resolved to divide the motion into two parts. The first part—namely, "That all Junior National and Education Board Scholarships be abolished"—was put to the Conference, and carried by 29 votes to 17. The second part was then put, and carried on the voices.

The Conference adjourned till 9.30 a.m. on Saturday.

SATURDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1910.

The Conference resumed at 9.30 a.m.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Mr. Howell moved, That it is desirable that the age-limit of thirteen years below which pupils may not be admitted to technical instruction should be abolished as regards technical classes in the case of those entitled to junior free places.—Seconded by Mr. George, and carried.

Mr. Cousins moved, That efficiency in our education system calls for much closer correlation between our primary and secondary (including technical) schools than exists under the present arrangement.—Seconded by Mr. Marshall, and carried.

Mr. Hill moved, That, in the award of junior free places tenable at schools of other than purely secondary type, credit should be given for proficiency in subjects of manual instruction and domestic science.—Mr. Howell seconded.—Carried.

Mr. Firth moved, That this Conference suggest to the Minister of Defence that, in the case of boys under fourteen, systematic physical exercises may be substituted for military drill.—Seconded by Mr. Fleming, and carried.

The Chairman announced that the next subject for discussion was "The relation of secondary and technical schools to one another and to the University colleges."

Mr. Bevan-Brown moved, That this Conference recommends to the University Senate that the present aggregate maximum of marks for Junior University Scholarships be reduced so as to permit candidates taking only four subjects to attain the possible maximum.—Seconded by Miss Marchant.

Mr. Gray moved, by way of amendment, to omit all the words after "That," with a view to insert the following: "it be a recommendation to the Senate that the Junior University Scholarships be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination."—Seconded by Mr. Goyen.

The Conference divided on the amendment.—Ayes, 9; noes, 34.—Amendment lost.

Mr. Bevan-Brown's motion was then put.

The Conference divided.—Ayes, 22; noes, 21.—Motion carried.

Mr. Bevan-Brown moved, That this Conference suggests to the University Senate that moderators be appointed to supervise the question-papers set in the University Examinations.—Seconded by Professor Kirk, and carried.

Professor Kirk moved, That in the opinion of the Conference the time has come when the University should conduct at least its pass examinations within Australasia, and largely by help of the professors of its own colleges.—Seconded by Mr. Fleming.

The Conference adjourned till 7.45 p.m.

The Conference resumed at 7.45 p.m.

The discussion of Professor Kirk's motion was resumed.

Mr. Braik moved, by way of amendment, to omit the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following: "it be a recommendation to the Senate of the University of New Zealand to arrange that all pass degrees in arts and science be conferred on the basis of joint reports of the Home examiners and the professors of the colleges from which the students come."—Seconded by Mr. Gray.

Professor Kirk was given leave to withdraw his motion in favour of Mr. Braik's amendment, which was then put as a substantive motion, and carried on the voices.

Professor Kirk moved, That in the opinion of this Conference the constitution of the University should be modified so as to leave the framing of examination syllabuses largely to the Professorial Boards or faculties in conference.—Seconded by Mr. Bevan-Brown, and carried.

Professor Kirk moved, That this Conference views with approval the raising of the matriculation standard as a step towards preventing the overlapping that at present exists in the work of the University and the secondary schools; and it trusts that the Senate will, in accordance with present-day views, so deal with the requirements for a pass degree as to provide for the choice by