

Mr. Petrie moved, That on pp. 120 and 121 of "The Education Act, 1908," in the work of Standard V composition, the following words be omitted: From "as far as" down to "may be found convenient."—Carried.

Mr. Braik moved, That a paper on civics, health, and nature-study be included in the examination for Standard VI.—Lost.

*Report of Training Committee.*

A. Mr. Richardson's motion: "That this Conference is of opinion that arrangements should be made to enable candidates for teachers' certificates to take the various examinations in at least two sections if they so desire." Recommended: "That the provisions contained in Regulation 26, C Certificate Examination, which enables a candidate to take the examination in two sections, be allowed in the case of the D Examination."

B. Mr. Fleming's motion: "That in clause 2 of the regulations, regarding probationers, paragraph (b) be deleted." Recommended: "That in clause 2, paragraph (b) be deleted."

C. *Re* report of subcommittee concerning two years' training in training college being regarded as satisfying the requirements of Class C certificate: The committee has to report that the proposal be approved, subject to the following conditions: (1) That the student must have duly qualified for admission in Division A or Division B; (2) that there be a scheme of two years' work for each student, the scheme to be approved by the Department, the work done by the student to be reported on by the principal, his report to be based on the results of progress examinations; (3) that the principal's report may be deemed sufficient in itself, or, if not regarded as satisfactory, the Department should have the right to hold an examination on the lines of the approved course.

D. *Re* Hon. the Minister of Education's request for consideration by the Conference of the teaching of temperance in schools: "That after 'Temperance in eating and drinking' be inserted 'The harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, or other narcotics on the organs of the human body' (see Department's Special Reports on Educational subjects, No. 8)."

On the motion of Mr. Gray, the report was adopted.

*Second Interim Report of the Regulations Committee.*

The Regulations Committee begs to report as follows:—

1. Mr. Hill's motion, "That the time has come for co-ordinating the work of the primary, secondary, and technical day-schools."—Adopted by the committee.

2. Mr. Hill's motion, "That the leakage in the school attendance of pupils between Standard IV and Standard VI is one of the weakest spots in the scheme of free education, and calls for the serious attention of the Government."

Resolved, That the compulsory-attendance clauses of the Act, already in existence should be sufficient, if efficiently administered, to greatly minimize the leakage referred to.

3. Mr. Hill's motion, "That all children be required to attend school up to the age of fifteen years, irrespective of the school qualification gained."

Under present conditions your committee cannot see its way to recommend this proposal.

4. Mr. Strong: "That the minimum requirements for a Standard VI certificate of competency be more explicitly stated."—Motion adopted.

5. Mr. Strachan's motion was adopted by your committee in the following form: "That capitulation on elementary handwork be granted to the Boards not by class, but by a grant based on the number of pupils taking the work as shown in the quarterly returns."

E. K. MULGAN.

*Regulations Committee.—Final Report.*

Your Committee beg to report as follows:—

Mr. Braik's motion, "That the optional subjects for Civil Service Junior Examinations include domestic and handwork subjects, to allow technical and district high school pupils taking these subjects to compete on even terms with candidates that do not take such subjects."—Motion recommended for adoption.

E. K. MULGAN.

On the motion of Mr. Mulgan, the report was adopted.

*Supplementary Report of Scholarships Committee.*

Your Committee beg to report:—

"*Re* free places at secondary and district high schools, section 3 (c), that the age-limit of fifteen years be abolished."—Lost by 16 to 13.

"That it is desirable that all pupils qualified to hold free places should be supplied with a clear statement as to the avenues of further education open to them."—Carried.

"Immediately after the name of a pupil in Standards V and VI has been removed from the roll of a primary school, the headmaster should forward to the director of the local technical school the name of the pupil, and the name and address of the parent or guardian, such information to be on forms supplied by the Department."—Carried.

"That this Conference appoint standing committees to study problems appertaining to primary education, such as experimental psychology in relation to the child; comparative values of educational studies and methods of teaching, and school administration and equipment; and that each committee, through its chairman, should present to the triennial Conference of Inspectors a report on these or kindred subjects." This committee recommend this resolution to the favourable consideration of the Conference.—Withdrawn.