

meeting, so that they may be consolidated and arranged in order of importance before the first meeting of the Conference.

18. Mr. BAKEWELL to move, That this Conference expresses its regret at the unfortunate circumstances necessitating the absence of Mr. Ladley, of Nelson, from this Conference.

EXAMINATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

1. Mr. HILL to move, That, for the better protection of the interests of the country, the examination of private schools by public-school Inspectors is desirable.
2. Mr. WOOD to move, That it is undesirable that certificates of competency in the requirements of the various standards be issued by the authority of persons other than Inspectors as defined by the Education Act.

TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

1. Mr. SPENCER to move, That this Conference strongly affirms the desirability of establishing training-colleges at one or more centres, as indicated in the Chairman's opening address.
2. Dr. SMYTH to move, That, in the opinion of this Conference, the time has come for the establishing of one or more training-colleges; that these be established in connection with the present university colleges; and that arrangements be made to allow all pupil-teachers to attend these for a course of two years.

HANDWORK.

1. Mr. POPE to move, That, in connection with "handwork," such instruction in practical mechanical analysis and synthesis should be given in Standard VI. as would enable a class of children to take to pieces and reconstruct at least three machines—such as a lock, a clock, and a working-model of a steam-engine. In the case of girls the sewing-machine might, at the teacher's discretion, be substituted for the steam-engine.

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