

good Teachers, possessed of high natural and large acquired ability, but I am so strongly impressed with the conviction that improvements could be made in some instances, as to feel it my duty to recommend that some of the Teachers in the Day-Schools be employed also in the Night Schools in future. The Board might still retain the services of those who have given satisfaction in the Night Schools during the past. The success or failure of the Night Schools depends almost entirely on the Teachers, and those teachers who are accustomed to the management of city pupils are more likely to succeed in our Night Schools than those who are without such experience. The regular teachers are more certain to be mentally in the condition favorable to teaching, than those who are chiefly occupied in some other pursuit, and are less likely to leave the service of the Board during the term.

8. Experience convinces me more thoroughly that the recommendation which I made last year, regarding the propriety of requiring a deposit from all students on entering the Night Schools, should be adopted by the Board. The sum of one dollar need not deter any student, who is in earnest, from attending School, when he knows that the money will be returned to him at the end of each month, if his conduct and attendance have been satisfactory, to be re-deposited in case he intends to continue at the School. I believe that this is the best possible remedy for the worst evil everywhere met with in conducting Night Schools, viz.: irregularity of attendance. It would prevent any but earnest students from entering the Schools, and would perhaps save the necessity for supplying Assistant Masters in some cases, and it would prevent disorderly conduct on the part of those who now only attend for fun, but who by their misconduct prevent the teachers from giving proper attention to those who desire to learn.