

Inspector's Medal for the best original design was won by William Robins of the Wellesley School.

I would recommend that the Board annually give at least one prize for each grade to be competed for at an exhibition similar to that held last summer, providing that no drawing shall be exhibited which was not done in school and during school hours.

### MUSIC.

A great improvement has been made in most of the junior classes during the year in the systematic teaching of music. It has been found that after a proper course of training in singing the scale in the key of D, pupils even in the first book classes can :

1. Sing easy pieces at sight.
2. Sing music readily as it is written on the blackboard ; and
3. Write various notes when sung or played in their hearing.

I strongly recommend, as I have done on previous occasions, that as soon as possible the responsibility for the teaching of music be thrown upon the regular teachers in the higher as well as the lower classes. I have no doubt whatever as to the result. If we had one superintendent of music whose chief duty was to train the teachers in music, and how to teach it, and who visited the schools regularly to test the work done in this subject, there is no reason why the musical training given in our schools should not be much more practical and thorough than it now is.

I recommend the Board to take steps to have a piano in each of the larger schools. Arrangements might be made to have good instruments placed in cheap cases, and the cost thereby might be greatly reduced.

I would also suggest the propriety of allowing a competent pro