

There'd be some comfort in learning
 If one could get through; instead
 Of that, there are books awaiting,
 Quite enough to craze my head.
 There's the multiplication table,
 And grammar, and—oh, dear me,
 There's no good place for stopping.
 When one has begun, I see.

My teacher says, little by little
 To the mountain tops we climb,
 It isn't all done in a minute,
 But only one step at a time.
 She says that all the scholars,
 All the wise and learned men,
 Had each to begin as I do;
 If that's so—where's my pen?

THANKSGIVING HYMN.

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 NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE DECET HYMNUS—"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and
 Thy clouds drop fatness."

Lord of the harvest! from whose hand,
 In bounty royally outpoured,
 Plenty hath flowed o'er all the land.
 And all our garner's full are stored,
 To Thee we raise
 Our song of praise,
 To thee in Heaven and Earth adored.

Thy care preserved the precious seed,
 Nursed tender shoot and bud and blade,
 'Till in the time by Thee decreed,
 Summer her glories bright displayed:
 And Nature's voice
 Bade Man rejoice
 In Thee who Heaven and Earth hast made.

The early and the latter rain
 Gladdened green fields and teeming ground;
 And mellow fruits and golden grain
 Sweet ripeness in Thy sunshine found:
 By genial showers,
 By glowing hours,
 The year is with Thy goodness crowned.

Nor for Earth's kindly fruits alone
 In grateful hymns Thy praise we tell,
 We who, kept as Thy very own,
 From war and strife, from sickness fell
 And pestilence,
 By Thy defence,
 In Freedom, Peace and Safety dwell.

Lord of our life! whose open hand
 Good on all living things doth pour,
 For all rich blessings on our land,
 For all the Harvest's happy store,
 Our hearts shall be
 Lift up to Thee,
 To Thee whom Heaven and Earth adore!
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Official Department.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board of Education at a recent meeting adopted a series of new regulations relating to school inspection and inspectors, the most important of which are here given.

In pursuance of and in addition to the specific duties assigned by law and by any existing regulation, each Inspector is to govern himself by the following regulations:

A School or Department ineligible for classification.—(a) The Inspector shall assure himself of the validity and class of the Teacher's License, the regularity of the Teacher's Agreement, and that the Register is carefully and properly kept. (b) He shall note the plan pursued in the classification of the pupils, the management of the School or Department, and

especially the arrangement and allotments of the Time-Table, and witness the teaching of such classes, from the youngest to the oldest, as he may desire. (c) He shall offer such suggestions and criticisms to the teacher as he may consider best calculated to give effect to the methods of teaching and management inculcated at the Provincial Normal School, and enter his name, with the date and duration of his visit, in the Register. (d) He shall, except in cities and incorporated towns, examine the Records of the Board of Trustees to see that they are properly kept, and entered in a Minute Book. (e) He shall see that the supply of corporate seals is sufficient, and that they are properly used, and that blank forms of Assessment, Registrations and Returns are supplied. (f) He shall call the attention of the Trustees to the Merit Book authorized for schools, and to the provisions of the Law and the Regulations of the Board respecting School Prizes. (g) He shall specially note the condition of the School-house and premises, and see that the School is in all respects maintained and controlled in conformity with the provisions of the Law and the Regulations of the Board of Education.

A School or Department eligible for classification.—If at the date of the annual visitation the Teacher has been in charge of the School or Department for more than one term (this condition not to be required till Nov. 1, 1880), and presents for examination at least the average number of pupils in attendance for the term to date, where such average is 60 per cent. and upwards of the enrolled number, and at least 60 per cent. of the enrolled number where the average attendance is below 60 per cent. of the enrolment, the Inspector shall, in addition to the prescriptions above, proceed to examine the School or Department for classification, as follows:—

(a) In ungraded schools the pupils shall be presented in groups, and in graded schools in classes, each group or class professing one Standard of the Course of Instruction, or portions of two consecutive Standards, embracing one year's school work (or, in the case of pupils in the first Standard who have not been a year at school, and of grades admitted to a department less than a year previous to the inspection, a definite portion of the Standard). A pupil shall not be presented in more than one group or class, nor shall a pupil who has successfully passed the general tests applied to a given group or class be presented in the same group or class at any subsequent inspection. Departments of High Schools are included herein, and of Grammar Schools, and those classes in the latter which are pursuing a course in advance of Standard VIII., and all classes in the former, shall, until the Course of Instruction for High Schools is prescribed by the Board of Education, profess the course in operation in the department for such classes.

(b) An intelligent acquaintance with the subjects of the Standard (or definite portion of Standards as the case may be) shall be understood to be professed by each group or class; and such intelligent acquaintance shall include also *manual skill, neatness, and taste* in all slate and black-board work, writing, drawing and sewing (when taught); and the ability to express thought and sentiment in the subjects of reading and singing.

(c) The Inspector shall require such exercises of the several groups or classes as he deems necessary to determine with sufficient accuracy the quality of the instruction given in the school or department. He shall have a care that the general tests applied by him to the different groups or classes are such as, taken together, will discover the quality of the instruction given in every subject of the Course, within the Standards and portions of Standards professed. Only those pupils performing the exercises prescribed by the Inspector in a manner which satisfies him that they possess the intelligent acquaintance professed [as specified in (b)], shall be "passed" by the Inspector.

(d) In assigning the Rank of the school or department, the Inspector shall carefully and strictly apply the following principles:—

First Rank: When not less than 75 per cent. of all the pupils presented have been passed, and not less than 60 per cent. of each group or class, the school or department shall be classed in the first rank.

Second Rank: When not less than 60 per cent. of all the pupils presented have been passed, and not less than 50 per cent. of each group or class, the school or department shall be classed in the second rank.

Third Rank: When not less than 50 per cent. of all the pupils presented have been passed, and not less than 40 per cent. of each group or class, the school or department shall be classed in the third rank.

Failed to Classify: When any school or department fails to be classed in one of the above Ranks, it shall be reported as having failed to classify.

(e) The additional grant accruing to teachers whose school or departments receive classification shall be drawn by the Chief Superintendent at the close of the school year, and paid in the month of December.

Superior Allowance.—(a) No pupils shall be admitted from a department of a Grammar School to examination for the superior allowance. (b) If a school or department which is eligible for classification fails to classify, the Inspector shall not, during the school year, examine any of its pupils for the superior allowance. (c) The school accommodation and appliances required by the Regulations of the Board of Education, must, as provided by the school or department, be sufficient, in the judg-