

for the children in the Senior Third Book Classes who reside in the north-western part of the City. Several new classes have been opened in the Junior Third Book in that district since any additional room was opened for Senior Third Book pupils.

### APPARATUS.

The apparatus most needed now consists of Charts for Vocal Culture, and some Geographical Apparatus for the primary classes.

### CLASSIFICATION.

The Pupils of the Schools are classified into ten grades. This makes the progressive steps in the advancement of a child comparatively easy. The most encouraging fact in this connection is that the number of pupils above the Second Book continues to increase. It is to be regretted that in the highest Divisions of boys the numbers are small. This part is easily accounted for by the fact that the wholesale trade of Toronto has increased so rapidly that boys are always in demand. It is a pity that they are not allowed to continue longer at school, as girls are. Owing to the small number of boys in the Senior Fifth Book Classes in Dufferin, Wellesley, and Ryerson Schools, it was found necessary to combine the two Fifth Book Classes in the Boys' Department of these schools, after the summer vacation.

I would recommend for the serious consideration of the Board, the propriety of teaching the sexes together in the higher as well as the lower divisions.

### OVER-WORK IN SCHOOL.

Considerable attention has been paid to this subject in this city during the past year. In view of this fact, and in order that the position taken by the Public School Board with reference to the