

class-room is a prerogative of each teacher, and an essential condition of originality and effective work.

Another of the Board's regulations, that abolishing the "chain-gang" system of promotions, as it has been aptly called, has also tended very materially towards the free assertion of the teacher's individuality, and the substitution of rational teaching for compulsory cramming. It is too soon, however, for the effect of these regulations to have been fully realized. It will take, perhaps, another year for all the teachers to completely readjust themselves to the new conditions.

Course of Study.

It has been thought best not to effect any radical modification of the course of study either in the High or Graded schools until new regulations of the Department in respect to text-books and scholarship standards are announced. It is generally understood that important changes in these matters are in contemplation, as they are very much needed. There is no good reason why we should be obliged to carry on our school enterprises indefinitely under statutory conditions that may have been the best possible a decade or two ago, but are already long since outgrown.

Yours respectfully,

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