

is the thing to be sought after, but it does assume three important things :—First, that good teachers can so inform the minds of their pupils that these pupils shall be able readily to command their knowledge and set it forth ; secondly, that competent men can be had to perform this work of fairly testing the knowledge possessed and valuing the knowledge exhibited by any given number of pupils ; and thirdly, that the central authority shall watch with untiring vigilance the inception, growth, and maturing of the whole system. These assumptions are warrantable ones, and are obviously involved in the provisions of the 13th Section of the Law.

The outline I have now given indicates the general system of school work and supervision which must in a few years result from the operation of the Common Schools Act. I now return to the consideration of the pecuniary guarantees to teachers, in view of ill-health or old age, and which may be so grafted on the school system at this point as to contribute powerfully towards securing the permanent employment of the best teachers. I respectfully submit that the Board of Education should be empowered to annex to the terminal payments provided by Section 13 the following *SPECIAL PECUNIARY GUARANTEES TO TEACHERS, in the event of loss of health in the service, or disability from old age :*

1. A School (or Department) passing in the first, second, or third rank, shall entitle the teacher to a yearly allowance from the Board of Education equal to the following amount, per year, for every year of service performed under this guarantee :—

MALES.	FEMALES.
First Rank \$	First Rank \$
Second Rank \$	Second Rank \$
Third Rank \$	Third Rank \$

Where the series of passes made includes different Ranks, the proportionate average amount affixed to these different Ranks shall form the yearly unit ; but when the whole series of inspections of a school (or schools) taught by any teacher shews less than seventy-five per cent. of passes in some Rank, there shall be no claim to the special pecuniary guarantee, until this per centage is restored.

2. Teachers who shall have taught for a period of at least five years, on an average, in each district in which he or she has been employed under this guarantee, and the whole series of inspections of whose schools shews seventy-five per cent. of passes in the First Rank, shall be entitled to receive a yearly allowance from the Board equal to the following amount per year, for every year of service performed hereunder : Male Teachers \$—, Female Teachers \$—.

It is specially to be observed that the Rank of the School has no legal connection with the Class of the Teacher, but is wholly dependent upon the *QUALITY* of the work professed by the School, under the operation of an Obligatory and Optional programme of instruction. This leaves ample room and verge for the recognition of every form of teaching ability, and affords no shelter for talented indolence.