

one hour after the issue of the examination papers in any subject; and if he then leave he shall not be permitted to return during the examination in the subject then in hand.

4. Punctually at the time appointed for the commencement of the examination in each subject, the presiding Examiner shall, in the examination room, and in the presence of the candidates, break the seal of the envelope containing the examination papers, and give them at once to the candidates. The papers of only one subject shall be opened at one time.

5. The Inspector shall further see that at least one examiner is present during the whole time of the examination, in each room occupied by the candidates. (1) He shall, if desirable, appoint one or more of his co-examiners to preside at the examination in any of the subjects named in the programme. (2) If Intermediate and Second-class candidates are being examined together, the following rule applies:—No Trustee, Master, or Teacher of the school concerned can be appointed to preside, and no Master or Teacher of the school shall be present during the examination, in the room with the candidates.

6. Punctually at the expiration of the time allowed, the Examiner shall direct the candidates to stop writing, and cause them to hand in their answer papers immediately, those for First and Second-class being duly fastened in the envelopes.

7. The Inspector, at the close of the examination on the last day, shall secure in a separate parcel the fastened envelopes of each candidate for a Second-class certificate, and on the same day shall forward by express (prepaid), to the Education Office the package containing all the parcels thus separately secured, together with all certificates of character, ability, and experience in teaching, which such candidate may have presented to the board, and the schedule in the form provided. The Inspector shall, at the same time, sign and forward a solemn declaration (according to a form provided by the Department), that the examinations have been held and conducted in strict conformity with the regulations, and fairly and properly in every respect; and also, with the papers of each candidate, a certificate to the Department, that he has been satisfied as to the personal identity of such Candidate, upon proper grounds.

8. In the case of Candidates for Third-class certificates, he shall see that the written answers are without delay read and reported on by the County Board, and he shall thereupon see that these answers, and all reports thereon, as approved by the Board, together with the list of certificates issued by it, are also, as soon as possible after the close of the examinations, transmitted by express (prepaid) to the Education Department.

9. When two or more rooms are occupied by Candidates for Second-class certificates, the examiner, in his report to the Department, shall indicate the candidates who were placed in the several rooms respectively.

10. In examining the answers of Third-class candidates, two examiners at least should look over and report on each paper.

11. The Central Committee of Examiners shall assign numerical values to each question, or part of a question, on the examination papers for Third-class certificates, according to their judgment of its relative importance. The Local Examiners shall give marks for the answers, according to the value assigned to each question and the completeness and accuracy of the answer.

12. In order to obtain a Third-class certificate, the marks must not be less than one-half of the aggregate value of all the papers for certificates of that rank.

13. Should any candidate be detected in copying from another, or allowing another to copy from him, or in taking into the room any books, notes, or anything from which he might derive assistance in the examination, or in talking or whispering it shall be the duty of the presiding Examiner, if he obtain clear evidence of the fact at the time of its occurrence, to cause such candidate at once to leave the room; neither shall such candidate be permitted to enter during the remaining part of the examination, and his name shall be struck off the list. If, however, the evidence be not clear at the time, or be obtained after the conclusion of the examination, the Examiner shall report the case, if that of a Third-class candidate, at a general

meeting of the examiners, who shall reject the candidate if they deem the evidence conclusive. If the case be that of a First or Second-class candidate, it shall be reported to the Department.

14. The Inspector shall furnish to the Education Department, full returns and all necessary information in matters relating to the results of the examinations. Any points relative to the examination for Third-class certificates, on which a majority of the examiners do not agree, shall be referred to the Education Department for decision.

D.—RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY CANDIDATES.

1. Candidates shall be in their allotted places before the hour appointed for the commencement of the examination. If a candidate be not present till after the appointed time, he cannot be allowed any additional time. No candidate shall be permitted, on any pretence whatever, to enter the room after the expiration of an hour from the commencement of the examination. When the order to stop writing is given, every candidate shall obey it immediately.

2. Every candidate shall conduct himself in strict accordance with the regulations, and should he give or receive any aid, or extraneous assistance of any kind in answering the examination questions, he will be liable not only to the loss of the whole examination, but to the forfeiture or withdrawal of his certificate at any time afterward when the discovery is made, that such aid or assistance has been given or received.

3. Candidates shall observe the regulation respecting copying, &c., given above.

4. Every candidate for a First or Second-class certificate shall write his NUMBER (not his name) very distinctly at the top of each page of his answer papers, in the middle; and is warned that for every page not bearing his number he is liable to receive no credit from the Examiners.

5. If a candidate for a First or Second-class certificate write his name or initials, or any distinguishing sign or mark on his paper other than the number assigned him by the Department, his paper will be cancelled.

6. Candidates for First or Second-class certificates in preparing their answers, shall write on one side only of each sheet, placing the number of each page at the top, in the right hand corner. Having written the distinguishing NUMBER on each page, and having arranged the answer papers in the order of the questions, they shall fold them once across, place them in the envelopes accompanying the question papers, and write on the outside of the envelopes the distinguishing numbers and the subjects of examination. They shall then securely fasten the envelopes and hand them to the presiding Examiner.

7. Candidates for Third-class certificates in preparing their answers, shall write on one side only of each sheet, and having arranged their papers in the order of the questions, shall fold them once across and write on the outside sheet their names, the name of the examining County Board, the date and the subject of the paper. After the papers are handed in, the Examiners shall not allow any alterations thereof, and the presiding Inspector shall be responsible for the subsequent safe-keeping of the same, until he has transmitted them, with all surplus examination papers, to the Education Department.

F.—CANDIDATES FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

1. Such of the foregoing Regulations respecting the examination of candidates generally as are applicable, shall also govern the examination of candidates from the Normal Schools; and the Principals thereof, respectively, shall send to the Education Department, one month before such examination, a list of the names of the intending candidates for First and Second-class certificates, respectively. The Department will affix a number to each name so sent, and this number shall be signed by the candidate, in lieu of his name, to each one of his papers of answers to the questions.

2. The duties of Presiding Examiner shall be discharged by one of the members of the Central Committee, to be named by the Minister.

3. During the examination and previous week of preparation