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COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON EDUCATION.

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MEMORANDUM

RESPECTING THE

**Organization of Schools in parallel  
Groups of Benches and Desks.**

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

Before a schoolroom is planned,—and the observation applies equally to alterations in the internal fittings of an existing schoolroom,—the number of children who are likely to occupy it; the number of classes into which they ought to be grouped; whether the school should be “mixed,” or the boys and girls should be in different rooms; should be carefully considered, in order that the arrangements of the school may be designed accordingly.

A. Every class, when in operation, requires a separate teacher, be it only a monitor acting for the hour. Without some such provision it is impossible to keep all the children in a school actively employed at the same time.

The apprenticeship of pupil teachers, therefore, is merely an improved method of meeting what is, under any circumstances, a necessity of the case; and, where such assistants are maintained at the public expense, it becomes of increased impor-