

experienced staffs of instructors, and cannot fail to prove effectual in producing the requisite supply of well-trained teachers.

Another vital element in the reform of professional education is the revision in the course of study at the Normal Schools. The Normal course now includes both professional and academic instruction. Not only is the instruction designed to train teachers in the theory and art of conducting the schools, but it also has in view the enhancing of their general culture and their ability to prepare pupils in the subjects laid down in the programme of studies. The Normal course, therefore, now includes instruction in language and composition, in reading, spelling, grammar, geography, mathematics, writing, and other subjects which are the basis of a useful primary education. Critics of our schools trace to neglect of sound methods of teaching such subjects as these much of the unsucccess of pupils in later life. A review of the academic course in the Normal Schools will send forth teachers well fitted to eradicate the defects complained of in the schools. Increased attention is also being given in the Normal course to elementary science, art work, etc., so that the qualifications of teachers possessing Second Class certificates may ensure their ability to impart an education of practical benefit to the pupils under their charge.

A complete reform in model school training, too, is being effected. The effort to substitute Normal for Model School training, as far as possible, is now under way. The Government will assume the financial support and control of the model schools as far as the professional training is concerned, appointing the necessary teachers and paying them liberally for this part of their duties, and retaining in existence only such Model Schools as are needed to supply enough teachers with Third Class certificates required in those portions of the Province unable to pay the salaries due to teachers with the higher training. These Third Class certificates, of higher grade than the present District certificates, will replace the District certificates now in vogue, and these, as well as all other certificates, will be issued by the Minister of Education, who will thus control and supervise the professional standing of all the teachers in the Province.

FREE TUITION FOR TEACHERS IN TRAINING

The fee of \$5 in the Model Schools and the fee of \$10 in the Normal Schools has been abolished, thus sensibly diminishing the cost of professional training to the teacher. If, moreover, the resources of the Province justify the step, a residence will be provided in connection with each Normal School, where the students can get cheap board and lodging and where their manners and conduct will be cared for.