

such average is 60 per cent. and upwards of the enrolled number, and at least 60 per cent. of the enrolled number where the average attendance is below 60 per cent. of the enrolment, the Inspector shall, in addition to the prescriptions above (2), proceed to examine the School or Department for classification, as follows:—

(a) In ungraded Schools the pupils shall be presented in groups, and in graded Schools in classes, each group or class professing one Standard of the Course of Instruction, or portions of two consecutive Standards embracing one year's school-work, (or, in the case of pupils in the first Standard and who have not been a year at School, and of grades admitted to a department less than a year previously to the inspection, a definite portion of a Standard). A pupil shall not be presented in more than one group or class, nor shall a pupil who has successfully passed the general tests applied to a given group or class be presented in the same group or class at any subsequent inspection. Until otherwise ordered, departments of High Schools are included herein, and of Grammar Schools, and those classes in the latter which are pursuing a course in advance of Standard VIII., and all classes in the former, shall, until the Course of Instruction for High Schools is prescribed by the Board of Education, profess the course in operation in the department for such classes.

(b) An intelligent acquaintance with the subjects of the Standard, or portions of two consecutive Standards, (or definite portion of a Standard, as the case may be) shall be understood to be possessed by each group or class; and such intelligent acquaintance shall include also, *manual skill, neatness and taste*, in all slate and blackboard work, writing, drawing, and sewing (when taught); and the ability to express thought and sentiment, in the subjects of reading and singing.

(c) The Inspector shall require such exercises of the several groups or classes as he deems necessary to determine with sufficient accuracy the *quality of the instruction given in the School or Department*. He shall have a care that the general tests applied by him to the different groups or classes are such as, taken together, will discover the quality of the instruction given in *every subject of the Course*, within the standards and portions of standards professed. Only those pupils performing the exercises prescribed by the Inspector in a manner which satisfies him that they possess the intelligent acquaintance professed (as specified in (b)), shall be "passed" by the Inspector.

(d) In assigning the Rank of the School or Department, the Inspector shall carefully and strictly apply the following principles:—

*First Rank*: When not less than 75 per cent. of all the pupils presented have been passed, and not less than 60 per cent. of each group or class, the School or Department shall be classed in the first rank.

*Second Rank*: When not less than 60 per cent. of all the pupils presented have been passed, and not less than 50 per cent. of each group or class, the School or Department shall be classed in the second rank.

*Third Rank*: When not less than 50 per cent. of all the pupils presented have been passed, and not less than 40 per cent. of each group or class, the School or Department shall be classed in the third rank.

*Failed to Classify*: When any School or Department, examined for classification, fails to be classed in one of the above Ranks, it shall be reported as having failed to classify.

(e) The additional grant accruing to teachers whose Schools or Departments receive classification shall be drawn by the Chief Superintendent at the close of the school-year, and paid in the month of December.

(f) *Superior Allowance*.—(a) No pupils shall be admitted from a department of a Grammar School to examination for the superior allowance. (b) If a School or Department which is eligible for classification fails to classify, the Inspector shall not, during the school-year, examine any of its pupils for the superior allowance. (c) The school accommodation and appliances required by the Regulations of the Board of Education, must, as provided for the school or department, be sufficient, in the judgment of the Inspector, otherwise he shall not entertain the application for inspection for this allowance. (d) Each group or class presented under Standard VI. or VIII., as the case may be, shall be examined by the Inspector upon all the requirements of the Standard. (e) Any pupil who was a member of the School or Department during the Term immediately preceding that in which the annual visitation is made, may, even though not belonging to the School or Department at the time, be presented in the group or class for this examination, but he shall not be reckoned as a member of the School or Department for any other purpose whatsoever. (f) The superior allowance shall be apportioned by the Chief Superintendent to Teachers and Boards of Trustees at the close of the school-year, and be paid in the month of December.

(g) If in performing the duties connected with the annual inspection of any School or Department, the Inspector shall deem it necessary to extend for the day the regular School hours, it shall be competent for him to do so; and it shall also, for purposes of inspection, be competent for him, on occasion, to require any School, other than one in a city or town, to be in session one-half or the whole of Saturday, and such half day or day shall be regarded as teaching time, the attendance being duly entered in the Register by the Teacher. Nothing herein shall authorize the Inspector to detain the pupils of a School or Department after the expiry of the School hours when the inspection is not previously in progress, or to begin the inspection of a School on the afternoon of Saturday.

(h) *Lists of Pupils*.—At the inspection of any School or Department eligible for classification, and of any group or class for the superior allowance, the Inspector shall leave on file, to be carefully preserved within the Register covers, the lists (prepared by the Teacher) of the pupils examined, and shall certify the same, viz. (a) a list of the pupils examined, arranged in groups or classes according to the Standards and fixed portions of Standards under which they were presented with a view to the classification of the School or Department, and (b) a list of the pupils examined with a view to the superior allowance; and he shall insert in the first list the word "passed" (initialed) opposite the name of each pupil who passed the general tests applied by him to the group or class of which the pupil was a member, and the word "passed" (initialed) opposite the name of each pupil who passed the requirements of the entire Standard VI. or VIII. (as the case may be) of the Course. The Inspector shall preserve on file for two years such exercises as are worked on paper by pupils examined for the superior allowance, with copies of the questions prescribed by him for the same; and also the papers of any other examination when so directed by the Chief Superintendent.

(i) *Written Report to the Trustees*.—In addition to any oral communications, the Inspector shall at the time of the inspection of any School or Department, (whether eligible or ineligible for classifi-