

[The grant for appliances is to be devoted to the purchase of apparatus for the school, and if all necessary apparatus has been obtained, such as that mentioned in the regulations, or that suggested by the inspector, there can be no objection in your applying to the commissioners to be assisted in the way you indicate. Ed. E. R.]

*To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD :*

DEAR SIR,—Does it not appear to you as it appears to me, that only one set of readers should be authorized for the province. I believe my district is the only township that uses the *Royal Readers*, and when pupils come from outside to my school they have to buy new readers, and that constitutes a grievance.

In regard to drawing also, there is a difficulty. Most of the pupils from the district schools know, comparatively speaking, little or nothing about drawing, yet some of them enter the second and third grade, where they are expected to pass an examination in No. 2 and 3 Dominion Drawing Course. It simply cannot be done in the time at our disposal for that subject in one session of nine months. As I noticed in my remarks accompanying last examination papers, I think there ought to be some change made in the method of examining pupils in that subject, as the work required to be done is altogether too difficult for a great many pupils who have no taste and not sufficient practice to do artistic work. Some appear to draw naturally, whilst others never appear to do anything more than copy indifferently, or produce sad caricatures. I do not think that drawing should be a fatal subject. A new difficulty has arisen in connection with my work here this year. I have a class of three in grade III. Academy, (and you know my school is only a Model School) and one in grade II. Academy. Now, some people find fault because I take up the last two grades in the Academy Course. They say that I am not justified in having these classes in a Model School, and that my time should be taken up with the lower grades. Now, what is to be done in a case of that kind? If we discard those grades, the school will not take so high a standing, and the parents of those children will be dissatisfied because they cannot go on with the higher grades, and if we don't do it, then the other class will grumble. Where there are only two teachers in a school, such difficulties must necessarily arise, although this is the first time I ever was found fault with, for trying to do the higher work in order to keep up the standard of the school.

I have adopted a kind of compromise by taking part of the subjects of the class in grade I. Model under my charge, and allowing the third grade A. to take up subjects for junior certificate, and do extra work after school hours. If I am able to stand the work, I think this will do very well, but should my health give out—I do not feel very robust—then some class will have to be dropped. I would have no trouble with my present number of pupils, but when the school fills