

perhaps a little too difficult. The Geography and History were also improved in Grades I. and II. Academy, while the answers in Physiology were all that could be wished for on the average; there were more perfect answers, or nearly so, in connection with this subject than with any other. In regard to the column on the table which refers to the failures in Latin and Greek, it may be explained that where there is a cipher, none of the candidates who attempted these subjects failed. The greatest number of failures are to be seen in the columns referring to the passes and failures in Algebra and French, for these two subjects are somewhat neglected in the lower grades. Perhaps it will be well in another year to supply the teachers with a duplicate of the school returns, showing the marks taken in each subject by every child, though the preparation of such will involve a large amount of extra labor. This year, in view of the demand to have the certificates issued by the first of September, it has been necessary to have assistance in examining the papers; and it is for the Committee to say whether such assistance is to be arranged for permanently.

In connection with the marks given for "appliances," etc., it may be said that the figure includes the inspector's notes on the teacher, the school, the school furniture, the grounds, the out-houses, and school apparatus, reduced to a numerical value, as well as the marks given for prepared specimens of writing, drawing, etc. On these marks the additional bonus is given.

As usual I have reduced the marks awarded by the A. A. Examiners to the standard of marks fixed by the regulations, as may be seen in examining the total marks in Grade III. In this connection, I have so far acted upon the principle that all who pass for A. A. are to be looked upon as passing in Grade III.

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