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SUPERIORITY OF RANK.

The number of teachers in our province who are anxious to attain the highest rank as instructors is on the increase, and the following hints may be of service to them in their efforts to obtain the requisite certificate of the inspector. In this connection it must be borne in mind that a successful teacher is not one who can show excellent results during one of the visits of the inspector. There must be a record of success preceding the inspector's final decision, and this record of success can only be made perhaps after an experience in several communities. The following hints drawn up by a practical teacher may therefore be of service while the teacher is making his or her record. They are as follows:—

Professional Knowledge.—This is to be distinguished from his accumulation of general knowledge. It is his knowledge of man as a being capable of growth; of man as able to go on from one stage of progress to another, under certain conditions. He will have a clear knowledge of the evolution of the human race and the causes of that evolution in general. He will have read and studied up specifically the views of writers who have treated this subject; he will have a library of pedagogy.

Professional Training.—This means that he has taught under the eye of some competent critic. Usually a teacher goes away