

reported for each school. The following points should in each case receive special attention:—

1. Whether the "Total authorized teaching days school was open" as given in Return exceeds the limits fixed by Regulation.
2. Whether any pupil is returned as having been present a greater number of days than the school was open.
3. Whether the addition to obtain the Grand Total, &c., is correctly performed.
4. Whether, judging by personal knowledge of the school, there is any reason to doubt the correctness of the Return in respect to Time in Session and Attendance.
5. Whether the Agreement between Trustees and Teachers is according to Law.

(2.) Where any slight error or discrepancy is detected in any Return, the Inspector is requested to make such corrections as his previous knowledge of the school may warrant, appending his initials to every such correction. If, however, any Return is found to be radically incorrect, or incomplete in any particular, or without the required certificates of accuracy, the Inspector is hereby directed (having first made a minute of such items as may be required for immediate use) to send it back to the Trustees for correction, pointing out the particulars in which it is incomplete, or is believed to be incorrect; and in every such case the Certificate authorizing the Trustees to draw on the County Treasurer is to be retained until complete and reliable Returns have been rendered. This direction applies to both the annual and semi-annual Returns.

(3.) Each school is entitled to share in the County Fund "according to the average number of pupils in attendance and the length of time in operation, but shall receive no allowance for being in session more than the prescribed number of days in any one half year." As the "Grand Total Days' attendance made by all the pupils" measures both the average attendance and the time in operation, the process of determining the amount to which each Section is entitled is easy and simple.

(4.) It being provided that schools are to be paid only for prescribed teaching days, a proportion is to be struck off the Grand Total days in every case where attendance at school on other than authorized teaching days has gone to form part of that Grand Total. (Whole No. of days in Session : No. of authorized days in Session : Grand Total days returned : No. to be struck off.) In the same way, an addition is to be made to the Grand Total for any *teaching* days on which schools may