

If trustees refuse to perform their duties under the law, and thus cause the failure of the teacher in maintaining discipline, they may also be held liable for the consequences, as the contract between teacher and trustees assumes expressly the observance of the school laws on the part of each.

No trustee or trustees, any more than any other individuals, have a right to enter the school-room and, in the presence of the pupils, speak or act so as to weaken the authority or influence of the teacher. If the circumstances require the advising of the teacher, it should be done only in the absence of any pupil.

By the observance of a courteous procedure, the greatest power is obtained, and there is the least danger of putting one's self in the wrong.

Good Manners.—In every public school, good manners, not only in outward form, but in spirit and disposition, should be unceasingly cultivated. A delimitation of the range included under this term is not now to be given. The teachers must do that as best possible. It includes deportment not only to superiors, but to inferiors and equals. In a truly democratic country this is of more importance than anywhere else, although some people so mistakenly reverse the inference. One good practice observed in the best disciplined schools, is the reception of the trustees or other school officers by the whole school's rising and standing until the visitor is seated. It will not injure the trustees, rather help to make them feel the responsibility of their position and induce to greater effort; while the effect on the school of the object lesson of paying respect to the office of those of our class who are elected for the time being to govern us, will be most salutary as a training in civics and democratic government.

Mathematical Drawing.—A "five cent" card rule has been published by T. C. Allen & Co., of Halifax, 12 inches in length, containing inch and half inch diagonal scales on one side, centimeter and two centimeter scales on the other side, with protractor and chord scales. It is designed to suit Common school and High school Mathematical Drawing, and contains all the scales the use of which should be known. It is also suitable for ordinary plotting of plans. Teachers are recommended to test its value for school and Provincial examination purposes. Being card-board, it will not stand the points of the compass so long as wood. The main advantages are the full set of scales for line and angle plotting both on the Inch and Metric systems, and its cheapness.

THANKS.

The Superintendent thanks all those who in reply to circular furnished suggestions for revision of Course of Study. The suggestions which have not been finally adopted were as valuable in their way as the others, for when considered with those in the opposite phase, they were all contributory to the resultant represented in the course as published in this JOURNAL.