

with those of the other periodical examinations and with the general character of his work during the year :

- (e.) A general estimate of the quality of the work done by each class :
- (f.) A summary showing the number of pupils on the roll of each class, the number present at the time of the examination in English, the aggregate ages as on 31st December, and the average age of the pupils in each class.

(4.) For pupils of S6 the class-list shall be on the form provided in the case of applicants for certificates of proficiency and competency in this standard, and the provisions of this clause in any such case shall, with regard to these pupils, be taken to be modified accordingly.

(5.) The Inspector may return the copy of the class-lists of the annual examination to the head teacher, and require him to note in the column for remarks the reason for more or less rapid promotion in the case of any pupil, or to give an explanation in the case of any pupil whose age is much above the average age of the pupils in that class for that school or that education district, and to forward such of the examination-papers as the Inspector may desire ; and the Inspector may modify the classification of the pupils in any way that appears to him desirable.

(6.) If it appears to the Inspector that the report of the annual examination is complete and in order, he shall at his next visit to the school append his signature to the school record thereof, together with any comment that he may see fit to make thereon. The record so signed shall be the record of the annual examination, and shall be kept in the school in the manner herein prescribed.

6. (1.) The class registers and the records of examinations, together with copies of the Inspector's reports, shall be kept in the school for not less than ten years, and in the case of the closing of a school shall be delivered up to the Education Board, to be kept for a similar period as the Board shall direct. The report, signed by the Inspector, shall be kept in the Board's office.

(2.) The class register, records, and reports shall be open at any reasonable time, except during the ordinary school hours, to the inspection of the School Committee, but they shall in all other respects be treated as strictly confidential and shall not be removed from the school except by authority of the Board.

INSPECTION.

7. (1.) Every public school shall, as a general rule, be visited by an Inspector of Schools. No notice of any visit shall be required unless the Inspector deems it advisable to hold a more or less detailed examination of the pupils, in which case ten days' notice shall be given. After one of his visits in each year the Inspector shall present an "inspection report," but a special report may be presented after any visit.

(2.) Anything in this clause notwithstanding, any visit of inspection may, unless the Education Board otherwise directs, be omitted for a period not exceeding one year in the case of a school with the general efficiency of which the Inspector is satisfied.

(3.) In these regulations a "year" means a year beginning with the 1st January.

8. (1.) In order to satisfy himself of the general efficiency of the instruction given in the school the Inspector shall at one or more of his visits devote a portion of his time to an investigation of the character of the teaching and of the degree to which the intelligence of the pupils has been developed, and to this end may examine any of the pupils in any of the classes P to S7 in such subjects as he shall choose. Where the methods are not satisfactory the Inspector shall recommend more suitable methods, and shall, where necessary, take charge of the class and demonstrate to the teacher the method suggested.

(2.) With a view to ascertaining the individual progress of the pupils the Inspector, where he considers it desirable, may hold an examination of any class in the school on the work done in the class during the current year or during the preceding twelve months. Such examination will be held by the Inspector after consultation, if circumstances permit, with the head teacher, and after consideration of any examinations which have been held during the preceding twelve months by the head teacher or the teacher of the class.

(3.) As the result of such examination the Inspector may, but only if the circumstances seem to call for such exceptional action, modify the classification of the head teacher by directing that any pupil or pupils shall be placed in any class or classes that he may name. Such modified classification shall thereupon for six months, or such shorter period as the Inspector may prescribe, be substituted for the classification of the head teacher. In such cases the effect of clause 2 will be modified accordingly.