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PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT

J. Russell Stuart Deals With Matters of Public Interest— Caretakers Have No Standards To Work To— Some Needs of the Schools.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

Need of Auxiliary Classes.
Exclusive of the Kindergarten, our schools are classified into seven grades. The Primer and First and Second Reader classes compose three grades, while there are Junior and Senior Third Reader grades and a similar division for the Fourth Reader. There is a period of public school attendance is about eight years. The average age of those completing the course is about fourteen.

There are children of eleven years of age in all grades from the Primer to the Fourth Book, while in the Second Reader we have children from seven years of age up to fifteen, a disparity of eight years. These facts become more impressive when we remember that nearly half the pupils complete the public school course, above the kindergarten, in seven years or less.

Taking as normal ages for each grade, respectively, 8 and 9 for the First Reader, 9 and 10 for the Second Reader, 11 and 12 for the Third Reader and 13 and 14 for the Fourth Reader, and these are moderate standards, we have nearly 400 pupils who are from one to five years over age. This retardation is one of the disturbing conditions in connection with our schools. There are several causes, irregular attendance being a prominent one. To a considerable extent, however, irregular attendance is itself, a result of unsatisfactory school conditions. In practice the graded school is accepted generally as the final thing in school organization; and, in instruction and classification we appear to treat all pupils as if they were alike. Intelligent teachers do what they can to meet the needs of exceptional pupils, but in the main, with the large classes that prevail, the teaching is chiefly mass teaching addressed to all alike.

The system of graded schools is undoubtedly better than anything that went before its introduction. Where the aim is to secure the greatest good to the greatest number consistent with a rigid economy, the fully graded school is the best yet devised. It is accepted with little questioning as the best adapted to the average child. This is also true of our curriculum and in the main of the methods of teaching practiced. The trouble is that there is no average child. They are all different, and many are so unlike the ordinary in capabilities, tastes and disposition, that they cannot be reached unless the system is modified to meet their needs. It is an unfortunate and too common error to regard the con-

ventional methods and standards and universal, and to regard pupils who get behind or out of touch as failures and necessarily inferior. One explanation of this attitude is the failure to discriminate between literary and education. Education is variously defined, as a cultural process, a preparation for social efficiency, etc. But a literary education does not necessarily imply either culture or social efficiency, and though the results secured by our present system are worth immediately more to the community than they cost, it needs to be supplemented for the benefit of those who need the association of practical activities with their school work to stimulate their interest in school studies and to train them for and employment which best suit them. It is surely a gross exaggeration to charge, as is done, that our system seems planned for white collar pursuits, but we are certainly turning out large numbers of boys and girls who are under the instruction of skilful teachers for from six to eight years, with a very meagre educational equipment of any kind. Greatly improved general results will be secured when special courses and methods are introduced to meet the tastes and capabilities of exceptional pupils. The opening of special classes under the Auxiliary Classes Act, and the institution of a Day Industrial School will be a great boon to a large proportion of our children. These will be necessary beyond question to carry out the intention of the Adolescent School Attendance Act and for many pre-adolescents as well.

Vacation Classes.
Our large classes do not permit much individual teaching. There are a good many pupils who, through illness or absence from other causes or from want of capacity in particular subjects, get out of touch with their classes and fail to reach a standard justifying promotion at the end of the year. This is very serious. Not only is their progress retarded but they are separated from accustomed companionship and put down among younger children, their equals perhaps in mental capacity, but inferior or different in social experience. By many children this degradation is felt keenly and it often causes a dislike of school. Expert individual teaching for a portion of the midsummer vacation would enable a good many to make the grade successfully who now fail.

A very different kind of pupil would also benefit from special vacation classes. Suitable individual teaching will often enable particularly capable children to advance rapidly, taking two grades in the year. A good many do this under present conditions, but interim promotions, without special help, cannot be practiced with much freedom.

The institution of vacation advancement classes was approved last year and a sum placed in the estimate for the purpose, but this was afterwards relinquished, along with that for music.

Information as to the method of conducting these classes is given in my report for last year. Most of the objections made to the institution of vacation classes come from misunderstanding. They would not be conducted like ordinary graded classes. The teachers would attend for half a day during perhaps six or seven weeks. A pupil would attend for an assigned hour each day, and for an hour only, as long as seemed necessary. The instruction would be individual.

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The Thrifty Scotch.
An Irishman tells us a story about a Scotch friend of his who quit smoking. When asked why he quit he replied:

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—Warren (Ohio) Tribune.

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