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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

First Report of the Board of Education.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS SHOWN

Suggestions for Action to be Taken by Congress.

TO EQUALIZE SALARIES

A report of interest to all parents within the District of Columbia was submitted to the District Commissioners today. It is the first annual statement of the board of education of the District of Columbia, which July 1, 1900, succeeded the old board of school trustees as the controlling body of the public school system of the national capital.

"On entering upon its duties," the report of the board says, "it found a school organization with vigorous life and large dimensions of which any city in the land might well be proud." It then refers to the investigation by the Senate committee and the formation of the board as a result and speaks of the changes made since the board has been in existence.

Standing and Pay of Teachers.

"The whole body of teachers," it says, "is a most enthusiastic force, and the scholars take rank with the best to be found in the common schools of the land."

"The board regards it as a duty, as it is a pleasure, to urge that provision be made for an increase of salaries both in the lower and intermediate grades. Some recommendations with regard to the higher salaries have been incorporated in the annual estimates, and the board expresses its earnest desire that an advance for the lower grades, also, may receive the approval of Congress. These latter salaries are so much below what is paid for similar services in the larger cities of the country that it is difficult to retain, for long terms, the highest class of teaching ability."

"As to the teachers in the lower grades, it does not seem to be in keeping with the other elements of the splendid school organization which Congress has provided that 88 teachers should receive less than assistant messengers; that 137 should receive less than laborers; that 131 should be paid less than hostesses; that 138 should receive less than elevator boys and the head scrubbing women and spittoon cleaners."

Reference is made to the practical, esthetic and patriotic training and to the fact that the new buildings of the white and colored manual training schools which Congress, in its desire to promote practical education, has provided are nearly completed.

The kindergarten schools and their progress are referred to and says that the teachers in these kindergartens have all been especially trained for the work at their own expense, no such training being yet provided for them in the Washington Normal School.

"The development of the high and normal schools is spoken of and the need of a building for the latter is shown."

Night Schools.

In every country there is found a large class of young men and women who were compelled to leave school for the purpose of seeking a livelihood before even an elementary education had been acquired. Our night schools aim to provide means by which such persons may be helped in their commendable efforts toward self-improvement, but so great are the differences in the ages of pupils and their degrees of advancement that our courses of instruction must be made quite general in their nature, permitting rather a close classification of pupils not much attention to the needs of individuals. The sessions are necessarily short, the opportunities on the part of the pupils for methodical study few and the attendance liable to be irregular from various causes. For these reasons a high standard of teaching, combined with a real enthusiasm for the work in hand on the part of the teacher, seems even more essential than in the day schools.

Plans are already formulated for consolidating all evening schools throughout the city into a stronger, more centralized and more carefully graded organization, and placing them under the immediate supervision of a director of night schools.

Physical Culture.

Physical culture is an accomplished fact of our school curriculum, with a reach that extends from the beginning of the kindergarten period, where it expresses itself in games and plays, to the end of the high school and manual training courses, where it culminates in the definite work of the gymnasium and the military training of the cadets. All along the line, however, two points there is an adaptation of exercise to condition that makes a completely organized and well-fitted instrument of development.

When the value of the school garden and the public playground is fully realized by us and the way for their accomplishment is open to us they will relate themselves logically to this subject, becoming a certain means in the fulfillment of its purpose. We are not completely supplied with all facilities and appliances, but these will come as the result of time and effort. The subject as a whole is in a very satisfactory condition.

Committee Reports.

The report of the committee on rules will show the attention which the board has given to a firm establishment of the merit system, by assuring teachers a secure tenure during efficient service, and declaring that merit shall be the controlling element in promotions.

The question of sanitation has received constant and close attention. The committee having that subject in charge has been untiring in its work, and this work has resulted in securing for the school buildings a sanitary condition which is not surpassed in any city or in any of the public buildings of Washington. The board gives most emphatic approval to the proposition for daily medical inspection of the pupils for the purpose of discovering the earliest symptoms of contagious diseases.

It is respectfully urged that the Commissioners of the District give special attention to the question, raised by the committee on buildings, repairs and sanitation, of admitting the board of education to conference upon the plans and specifications for new school buildings.

The work of the committee on text books has been a very important one. In addition to the care bestowed in selecting new books, it has given attention to ascertaining errors in those which it found in use. It has also made recommendations, the study of five of the most widely known histories of the United States was "suspended" because of grave errors of fact in the chapters on the civil war.

The committee on industrial instruction has had and is continuing to perform in addition to its ordinary duties in the organization of the two manual training schools and the high schools. This work has been of a most important character, and will undoubtedly receive public approval.

The committee on teachers and janitors, having in charge the payment of their wages, has committed to it a wide field of duty. The board insists that a janitor shall be strong, abedded and young. He must be of a good character, who can command the respect and inspire the confidence of the scholars. The board does not tolerate one who indulges in intoxicants, or who uses tobacco around the school buildings.

The Coal Inquiry.

The committee of ways and means presents its usual financial statement. This committee became aware that the coal furnished the schools was in large proportion much below contract requirements, and largely mixed with dirt. An examination of all the coal yards followed, which disclosed reprehensible conditions. These were reported in detail to the Commissioners of the District for such action as seemed proper, certification being withheld from the contract. It is fair to the verbal to say that in the outset he made verbal

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Pocket Books. (From 8 to 12.) **98c** instead of \$1.25 for the new Art Nouveau Books of pearl suide kid, front, artistically decorated. On first floor, very latest.

Photo Albums. (From 8 to 12.) **\$2.69** instead of \$3.25 for the large Album with celluloid back and front, artistically decorated. On first floor, in room adjoining elevator.

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49c and 59c Tomorrow.

The Platinotype Pictures in 16x20 frames are to be 49c instead of 79c; the Proof Etchings in 12x20 frames are to be 49c instead of 69c. These special prices only from 8 to 12 o'clock tomorrow morning. Take elevator to fourth floor. Pictures selected now will be laid aside and delivered when and where you say.

Curtains. **\$3.69** pair for the \$4.50 Irish Point Lace Curtains. A more of tomorrow morning's specials on fourth floor.

Chairs. **\$2.29** for the \$2.49 Reception Chairs and \$1.69 for the \$2.25 Oak Rockers are more fourth-floor "specials."

Seats. **98c** for the White Enamel, Oak and Mahogany Indian Seats marked \$1.25 in the last of tomorrow's fourth-floor specials.

For Four Hours on Third Floor.

Any Silk Petticoat marked \$8 for \$7.39... Any \$1.50 Dressing Sacque for \$1.39... And note that the Petticoats are as good as many retailed at \$10, and that the Dressing Sacques marked \$1.50 are the equal of most \$2 garments.

\$2.49 for the French Flannel Waists marked \$3.50, and \$2.98 for the Kimonos marked \$3.50. All sizes in all colors. All the newest styles.

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\$9.79 for the \$11 English Kersey Cloth Coats, satin-lined throughout, with extra fine collar. All sizes in black and colors.

Dress Goods, etc., on Second Floor.

81c yard for \$1 Black Taffeta Silks, and 39c for the 50c Japanese Silks, in black and colors. 69c instead of \$1 yard for Superior Sponged Cheviots. 25c yard for 39c quality Cashmere. Only from 8 to 12 tomorrow morning.

Towels. **19c** for the 25c All Pure Linen Damask Towels, with knotted fringe. Only for four hours—8 to 12 tomorrow morning.

Table Linen. **90c** yard tomorrow for the \$1 Satin Table Damask, 72 inches wide. Choice of the new importations for 1901-02.

Bedding. **\$3.39** tomorrow for the \$4.50 California Wool Blankets; \$1.98 for the \$2.25 Marcelline Spreads, or \$1.25 for the \$1.50 Crochet Spreads.

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(8 to 12 o'clock only.)

First-Cut Glass Water Bottles, Fruit Bowls, Water Jugs, Sugar and Cream Sets, at \$3.98, instead of \$4.49 and \$4.98 for choice.

98c for \$1.25 Bric-a-Brac, Vases, Busts and Bohemian Glass Novelties... Only 98c for 85c French China Salad Bowls, richly decorated.

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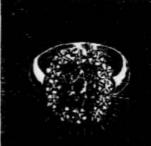
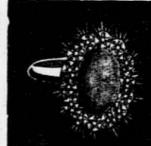
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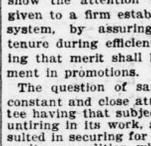
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The High School Cadets.

High School cadets speak of the improvement of the corps. Mention is made of the service of cadets in the war with Spain. The report says:

"With very little additional encouragement from Congress, there could be established in Washington, based upon the present cadet organization, a regiment with the modern three-battalion composition, which should be an object lesson for the entire country in perfect military drill, and one which in no respect, so far as all military features were concerned, would lose anything further by comparison with either West Point or Annapolis."

Hymnal for Opening Exercises.

No hymnal has been used in the graded schools. The "Student's Hymnal," in use in the High Schools, was adopted nearly four years ago. Early in the present year objections to its use were filed with the present board. After considering these, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the prescribed hymnal in the High Schools be retained, but pupils whose parents shall, for sectarian reasons, object to the use of the hymnal, may be excused from the provisions of rule 49, which prescribes singing.

Later the board decided to compile a manual of praises and psalms to take the place of the hymnal now in use, and at a subsequent meeting a special committee was appointed to prepare such a manual and submit it for the action of the board. This committee has made fair progress in its work, and hopes to be able to report at an early day.

The message of the board of education to the citizens of the District is: Visit the schools. They are open to the public during every daily session, and the board invites the most searching scrutiny. The organization is not known as it should be by the parents of this great army of children. The board feels confident that the closer and more general such inspection of the schools should become, the higher they would rank in the estimation of the public.

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THE CONSULAR SERVICE.

Representatives of Commercial Bodies Consider Plan of Reorganization.

The national convention called to consider reorganization of the consular service and consular reforms met in the rooms of the Washington Board of Trade this morning, December 11, at 10:30 o'clock.

The convention is composed of representatives from the various leading commercial organizations in the United States, those present being Gustav H. Schwab, president of the convention, Arthur H. A. Gareid, president of the Cleveland chamber of commerce, and S. W. Woodward and John Edson, of the Washington Board of Trade, the delegates named representing seven important organizations.

The convention at once began consideration of the bill for the reorganization of the consular service recently introduced into the United States Senate by Senator Lodge. This measure, it is stated, has received the approval of the representative commercial bodies of the principal cities of the country, and will receive their support during the present session of Congress.

The members of the convention are at the Shoreham, and will call this afternoon on Senator Lodge and Representative Burton. The members have been offered the use of the rooms of the Washington Board of Trade, and will hold further sessions there from time to time during the winter.

DOCTORS' MISTAKES

Bronchitis and Asthma Often Mistaken for Consumption.

BY DR. EDWARD KOCH

(Portion of Lecture Given Two Months Ago in This City.)

"Many patients treating for consumption with the ordinary doctor are really only suffering from catarrhal bronchitis, a cold on the chest that goes down on the lungs and becomes chronic. I would neglect, a hacking cough, a slight shortness of breath, spitting of mucus, associated with that languid, tired feeling. Such cases are often mistaken for consumption, but if the patients will only breathe healing, oily vapors directly into the tubes of the lungs and not fill the stomach full of medicines, which do more harm than good, most of them can be cured.

"Nothing but a direct application of healing vaporized medicines, antiseptics, and germicides to the very seat of the disease will effect the cure of this or any other lung disease, and they can be applied only by inhaling them in a vaporized state.

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