

Standard VI., 3; Standard V., 10; Standard IV., 21; Standard III., 23; Standard II., 24; Standard I., 8. Note on the passes in Standards I. and II.: Satisfactory.

*Class-subjects.*—Grammar, fair; history, satisfactory; geography (of Standard II.), fair; elementary science, object-lessons, &c.—object-lessons nil, science fair; mental arithmetic fair.

*Additional Subjects.*—Repetition and recitation, moderate; drill and exercises, none; singing, very good; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, moderate.

*Instruction of Preparatory Class.*—Satisfactory.

The Fourth Standard produced the best results, not a single boy being unequal to the tests applied, the arithmetic being particularly correct. In spelling the Sixth and Fifth did good work, as did also the Fourth in the one book prepared. The writing in Class V. was somewhat rough, but in the other classes satisfactory, as was also the drawing. Object-lessons had not been given to the junior classes, but the elders had acquired a fair knowledge of the science taken up—viz., agricultural chemistry. It is to be regretted that military drill now forms no part of the course of instruction. The vocal music, as heretofore, was of a high order of merit.

W. LADLEY, Inspector.

*Girls' School* (examined 4th and 5th December, 1899).

*Presented:* Standard VI., 5; Standard V., 9; Standard IV., 16; Standard III., 10; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 9; Preparatory, 21. Examined in Standards: Standard VI., 5; Standard V., 9; Standard IV., 16; Standard III., 10; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 9. Passed: Standard VI., 5; Standard V., 7; Standard IV., 12; Standard III., 9; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 9. Note on the passes in Standards I. and II.: Satisfactory.

*Class-subjects.*—Grammar, inferior; history, good; geography (of Standard II.), very good; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., good; mental arithmetic, fair.

*Additional Subjects.*—Repetition and recitation, good; drill and exercises, good; singing, good; needlework, very good; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, inferior.

*Instruction of Preparatory Class.*—Satisfactory.

On the whole the children acquitted themselves well this year. Spelling was a strong subject in every class, and, with the exception of Standard V., the same may be said of arithmetic. The reading was satisfactory, but, owing to the low tone in which the girls replied to the questions put to them, great difficulty was experienced in ascertaining the extent of their knowledge of the language of the reading-lessons. The Third Standard class distinguished themselves in dictation, composition, and geography. As usual, the singing and physical drill were exceedingly well done.

W. LADLEY, Inspector.

BURNHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Examined 15th September, 1899.

*Presented:* Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 18; Standard III., 21; Standard II., 7; Standard I., 8; Preparatory, 7. Examined in Standards: Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 18; Standard III., 21; Standard II., 7; Standard I., 8. Passed: Standard IV., 9; Standard III., 12; Standard II., 5; Standard I., 7.

*Class-subjects.*—Grammar, inferior; history, fair; geography, good; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., small programme satisfactorily treated; mental arithmetic, Standard III., good; Standard IV., very limited.

*Additional Subjects.*—Repetition and recitation, pieces satisfactorily known and mostly well rendered; drill and exercises, rifle practice by Mr. Buchanan—good; singing, simple airs by lower children only; needlework, not examined; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, mainly commendable.

*Instruction of Preparatory Class and Promotions in Standards II. and I.*—In Standards II. and I. the pupils are, on the whole, fairly entitled to the promotions granted, the estimates made requiring some indulgence in one or two instances only. The pupils below Standard I. are receiving fair instruction in a rudimentary programme.

W. J. ANDERSON, Inspector.

CAVERSHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Examined 22nd December, 1899.

*Presented:* Standard V., 8; Standard IV., 17; Standard III., 15; Standard II., 11; Standard I., 7; Preparatory, 5. Examined in Standards: Standard V., 8; Standard IV., 17; Standard III., 15; Standard II., 11; Standard I., 7. Passed: Standard IV., 5; Standard III., 5; Standard II., 8; Standard I., 7. Head-teacher's passes in Standards I. and II. justified.

*Class-subjects.*—Grammar, weak in Standard V.; history, good in Standard V.; geography (of Standard II.), good (Standard V., weak); elementary science and object-lessons, good in Standard II., fair in Standard V.; mental arithmetic, very weak in Standard V.

*Additional Subjects.*—Recitation, good; drill and exercises, excellent; singing, excellent; needlework, very good; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, fair.

*Instruction of Preparatory Class.*—Fair. The tone, order, and discipline of the school and the attention and behaviour of the children are very satisfactory.

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