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Copy of H. M. Inspector's Report.

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" The infant department is faithfully conducted and a very pleasing tone prevails in both classes. In Class 1, where the teaching is kindly and sympathetic, an adequate range of work has been successfully overtaken in the essential branches, while in class 2 results on the whole reach a very satisfactory standard.

" The general condition of the lower class of the junior division is very sound. In most cases, the children acquit themselves creditably in all oral work, and their written exercises are commendably neat and accurate. In some respects the work of the higher class is of inferior quality. Handwriting, for example, admits of improvement and there is noticeable weakness in Spelling and Geography. Arithmetic, however, is generally good, and a very satisfactory beginning has been made in Grammar.

" The majority of the scholars of classes 1 and 2 B, of the senior division gave a satisfactory account of themselves in most

subjects. It would be desirable, however, to aim at a higher standard in oral Arithmetic, Geography and Handwriting, while the subject-matter of the reading book might be more fully treated. Class 2(a) falls into fairly well defined sections. One of these, the younger and brighter, shows decided promise; but in the other - the average level of attainment is not high. The pupils of the "modified" advanced class are making progress according to their capacity. In class 3 instruction appears to be conducted in an intelligent manner. The reader in use is somewhat difficult and the pupils were not well enough acquainted with the subject-matter of previous lessons. An effort should be made to secure intelligent phrasing; articulation also might with advantage be developed.

"In Arithmetic the last quarterly test was of a searching character and although a number of the pupils did not secure a sufficient mark, the class as a whole will no doubt work up to a satisfactory standard. In History and Geography

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there was a good response from most of the boys and a section of the girls, but questions on important events and places from the profession of previous sessions were only answered by a few pupils. The work on paper is well set down.

"It is clear the much intelligent effort is being put into the teaching of the advanced division class but the pupils have qualified late and too much cannot be expected from them. The answering was inclined to be slow in English subjects, but a better response was secured in Arithmetic. Theoretical Geometry has not progressed far but the pupils have gone through a considerable number of practical exercises.

"The school is very well supervised".
(Intd.) J. W. L.