

Summary.

Protection of
children.
Teachers.

(3.) Protection of children against injurious employment.

(4.) Teachers—

- (a) Gratuitous instruction at normal schools,
- (b) The term there, and the
- (c) Facilities afforded there for practising teaching,
- (d) Strict qualifications required before appointment,
- (e) Fixed salaries, and
- (f) Pensions.

Gymnastic
exercises.

(5.) Gymnastic exercises recognised by the Confederation to be a matter of such national importance as to be reserved from the cantons.

Scholarships.

(6.) Scholarships—conditions and amounts.

Supplementary
education.

(7.) Supplementary school system; and

Over-pressure.

(8.) "Over-pressure" results—not known to exist.

I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to the public authorities at Berne for their willing attention and elucidation of the subject of Swiss education; and specially express my thanks to M. Lauener, Secretary of the Board of Education, Berne, for having courteously examined into the correctness of my statements concerning Swiss education.

Since this section was revised I have received a very courteous letter from the Minister of the Interior (Dr. Schenk) covering the latest official publications. But am not advised, or aware, that any statement in this section needs correction.

The publications are as follow, and are herewith:—

1. "Unterrichtsplan für das deutsche Lehrer-seminar des Kantons Bern. Biel : Buchdruckerei Albert Schüler, 1884."
2. "Reglement für die Patent prüfungen der Primar-lehrer und -lehrerinnen des Kantons Bern. 2 April, 1885."
3. "Règlement sur les examens des aspirants au brevet de capacité pour l'enseignement primaire. 2 avril, 1885. (Berne.)"
4. "Seminar-ordnung für das deutsche Lehrer-seminar des Kantons Bern. Bern : Buchdruckerei Gebr. Fischer. 1885."
5. "Programme d'Études de l'École Normale des instituteurs du Jura Bernois. Delémont : Imprimerie Boéchat, 1885."
6. "Programme de l'École Normale des institutrices du Jura Bernois à Delémont. Delémont : Imprimerie Boéchat, 1885."
7. "Verwaltungsbericht der Erziehungs-Direktion des Kantons Bern für das Schuljahr 1885–86. Bern : Stämpfli'sche Buchdruckerei, 1886."
8. "Programme de l'École Cantonale de Porrentruy, 1885–86. Imprimerie Albert Schuler, Bienne, 1886."
9. "Jahresbericht über die Mädchen-sekundarschule der Stadt, Bern, 1886. Bern : Stämpfli'sche Buchdruckerei, 1886."
10. "Jahrenbericht über das städtische Gymnasium in Bern, 1886. Bern : Stampfli'sche Buchdruckerei, 1886."
11. "Sammlung neuer Gesetze und Verordnungen nebst statischen Uebersichten über das gesamte Unterrichtsvesen in der Schweiz in den Jahren 1883–85. Zusammengestellt von C. Grob : Zürich, 1886."

The work by C. Grob, published on the 30th July last, and towards the publication of which a subsidy was granted by the Confederation, is intended to be a sequel to the "Statistik," 1881, so often quoted herein; and is a most valuable compendium of recent information relative to all the cantons.