

in spelling, and rather untidy in freehand drawing, as well as in writing, a subject which showed marked improvement in the higher standards. The fourth were very good in arithmetic, but their composition was spoilt by deficient knowledge of letter forms. The fifth class was a weak one, especially in arithmetic and composition; but those in the class above Standard VI. did well in all subjects. The lads also acquitted themselves well in class-subjects, and had received an excellent training in singing.

G. A. HARKNESS, Inspector.

*Girls' School* (examined, 10th and 11th October, 1898).

Presented: Standard V., 10; Standard IV., 17; Standard III., 13; Standard II., 7; Standard I., 7; Preparatory, 22. Present: Standard V., 10; Standard IV., 15; Standard III., 11; Standard II., 7; Standard I., 7. Passed: Standard V., 6; Standard IV., 8; Standard III., 10; Standard II., 7; Standard I., 7. Note on the passes in Standards I. and II.: Satisfactory.

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

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

*Instruction of Preparatory Class*.—Very good.

The children here were not so successful this year in pass-work, though they did very well in most of the class and additional subjects. The reading, though not yet a strong point, has improved in tone, but the Fourth Standard girls showed weakness in spelling and geography, and the Fifth in arithmetic, while the geography and composition of the latter were not entirely satisfactory. Writing and freehand drawing are well taught, very neat work being produced. The order is good.

G. A. HARKNESS, Inspector.

BURNHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Examined, 22nd September, 1898.

Presented: Standard V., 4; Standard IV., 19; Standard III., 14; Standard II., 12; Standard I., 10; Preparatory, 6. Examined in Standards: Standard V., 4; Standard IV., 18; Standard III., 13; Standard II., 12; Standard I., 9. Passed: Standard V., 3; Standard IV., 13; Standard III., 9; Standard II., 11; Standard I., 8.

*Class-subjects*.—Grammar, satisfactory; history, satisfactory; geography (Standard II.), good; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., satisfactory; mental arithmetic, good (Standards IV. and V., very good).

*Additional Subjects*.—Repetition and recitation, generally creditable; drill and exercises (taught by Mr. Buchanan), very commendable; singing (lower division), fair; needlework, not examined; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, satisfactory.

*Instruction of Preparatory Class*.—The six pupils presented in preparatory division are, naturally, uneven in their attainments, but on the whole show good progress for the time spent in this institution.

THOS. RITCHIE, Inspector.

CAVERSHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Examined, 8th December, 1898.

Presented: Standard V., 3; Standard IV., 16; Standard III., 19; Standard II., 9; Standard I., 8; Preparatory, 3. Examined in Standards: Standard V., 3; Standard IV., 16; Standard III., 13; Standard II., 9; Standard I., 8. Passed: Standard IV., 13; Standard III., 13; Standard II., 6; Standard I., 8. Head-teacher's passes in Standards I. and II., satisfactory. The pupils Standard V. had recently passed Standard IV. at other schools.

*Pass-subjects*.—Reading, good; spelling and dictation, fair; writing, good; drawing, satisfactory; arithmetic, fair; composition, fair; geography, satisfactory.

*Class-subjects*.—Grammar, satisfactory; history, satisfactory; science and object-lessons, good; mental arithmetic, weak.

*Additional Subjects*.—Recitation, very good; drill and exercises, excellent; singing, very good; needlework, not part of school-work; comprehension, satisfactory; order, excellent; attention, excellent; manners, very good; general results, good.

C. R. BOSSENCE, Inspector.

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