

INSPECTION OF THE SCHOOLS BY THE BOSTON SCHOOL BOARD

(1738) From Robert F. Seybolt, *The Public Schools of Colonial Boston* (Cambridge, Mass., 1935), pp. 61-62.

The Report of the Select Men of the Visitation of the Public Schools, being Presented, was Read, as follows. Viz^t.

To the Inhabitants of Boston, Town Meeting assembled,
Mar. 12, 1738

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of Boston at their annual meeting the 13th. of March, 1737. Desiring Us the Select Men to Visit the several Public Schools in the Town, &c.—

We accordingly Attended that Service on the 26th. of June last past, Accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^t.

The Hon. Thomas Hutchinson Esq^r.

The Hon. Adam Winthrop Esq^r.

The Hon. Ezekiel Lewis Esq^r.

The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esq^r.

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esq^r.

The Rev. Mr. William Hooper

The Rev. Mr. Samuel Mather.

And now Report, as follows.

That the Number of Scholars instructed in the Public Schools is as follows, Viz^t.

In the South Grammar School, about One Hundred and Twenty.

In the North Grammar School, about Sixty.

In the North Writing School, about Two Hundred & Eighty.

In the Writing School in Queen Street, about Seventy three.

In the South Writing School, about Sixty two.—

That We heard the Performances of the Lattin Scholars at each Grammar School, And inspected the Performances of the Scholars in the other Schools, both in Writing and Arithmetick, And heard the younger Scholars read—And that in general they perform'd to the great satisfaction of the Visitors—And We have grounds to hope that the Masters in the said several Schools do faithfully Discharge the Trust reposed in them.

And We look upon it as a point of Justice due to the Master of the South Writing School, to Report, that the Writing both of the Master and Scholars has been of late much improved.—

John Jeffries.

Jon^a. Armitage.

David Collson.

Alex^a. Forsyth.

Caleb Lyman.

Select Men.

Jonas Clarke.

Tho^s. Hutchinson Jun^r.

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men, of the Visitation of the Schools, now Read, be Accepted—

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Visit the Public Schools within the Town, the year ensuing, Desiring such Gentlemen to accompany them therein, as they shall think proper.