

operation of their marking system in only two respects. (1) You have earned a visit home when you attain a Class but when you collect it is very uncertain and may still be a long way off. They are satisfied with two visits a year but feel the time spent at home should be over night rather than a matter of hours during one day when their folks may be at work. I would recommend that provision for leaves home, when the school authorities have no great reason to believe that the privilege will be abused, should be more generous than the boys ask and that leaves should be received within one month of the date earned. (2) Three F's call for spanking regardless of the nature of the third offense which may be no more than breaking silence. After that, every F is good for a spanking until the end of the month when the slate is wiped clean. Spanking has been practically abandoned except in the cottage of small boys, as has this rule, and it may seem unnecessary to bring it up but it is so much in the minds of the boys that I would advise an understanding that it is out for good. It was never a good rule. (3) There are other matters, but individually they are petty and easy of adjustment. Collectively, they result in the "line" which should be reduced if it cannot be eliminated.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Authorized corporal punishment is practically out and has been for several months, except in the small boys' cottage, but at your request I have gone into its history. I have had no opportunity to witness a spanking but I know enough about the practices of the past to say that, from the testimony, it was no more severe usually than was common practice some years ago in correctional schools but that it was more severe than we are willing to approve today. In its administration, several mistakes were made which should be avoided in the future. In the first place, the superintendent delegated to his