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mean, it appears to me, some other authority than the School Board itself, because certainly nowhere in the Charter is any power conferred upon the School Board itself to make repairs to school buildings, and if it is not empowered to make such repairs it would have no authority in case the need for repairs was reported to it except to refer the matter to some municipal official who did have the power to make them.

Construing the provisions of the City Charter as to the appointment of the Supervisor with the powers conferred by the Charter upon the Inspector of Buildings in the matter of repairs to City buildings, it seems to me that the object of Section 100 of the City Charter is to clothe the Supervisor with purely visitatorial functions. He is a mere inspection officer. The members of the School Board themselves cannot be well expected to personally investigate the nicer details of the heating, plumbing and ventilation of school buildings. Therefore the Charter provides for the appointment of a subordinate officer by them, to be charged with the duty of keeping up a continuous surveillance of the schools, of observing all deficiencies connected with their heating, plumbing and ventilating agencies, and of reporting these deficiencies to the Inspector of Buildings for correction.

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As explained above, therefore, I do not consider the authority of the Supervisor "to be complete with respect to the matters of heating, plumbing and ventilation of school buildings", nor do I think that broken windows can be mended or missing locks supplied under the supervision and direction of this officer, or that heating and plumbing apparatus found to be in a condition needing immediate attention may be put into proper condition by the Supervisor under the direction of the School Board. All such work, great or small, relating to the heating, plumbing and ventilation of school buildings should, in my opinion, as a matter of strict legal authority be done by the Inspector of Buildings, for, as I have said, in my judgment, the function of the Supervisor in connection with such work is purely visitatorial, and I reach the same conclusion in reference to all such work, great or small, disconnected with the heating, plumbing and ventilation of school buildings, because no authority is conferred by the City Charter at all upon the Supervisor, apart from the heating, plumbing and ventilation of school buildings, except so far as it may be embraced in the power oferred upon him, along with the Superintendent of Public Instruction,