

Efforts are constantly put forth to increase the usefulness of this institution, but while pupils outside the county town are so tardy in availing themselves of its advantages, the objects of its organization will, in a great measure, fail to be attained, and murmurs of dissatisfaction continually be heard.

In closing the Report, permit me to offer to Trustees and others, whose hospitality I have enjoyed on many occasions my sincerest gratitude, and to yourself, sir, my best thanks for the uniform courtesy and attention my communications have at all times received at your hands.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILTZ.

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Superintendent of Education.

QUEENS COUNTY.

C. T. ANDREWS, Inspector.

SIR,—

I have now the honor of submitting this my third annual report on the condition of the public schools in the County of Queens for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1876. If in so doing I have offered to teachers and school officers more suggestions than may be consistent with an official report, let the sincerity of the motive be urged as a palliation.

I am pleased to be able to say that for the past three years educational affairs in this county have been progressing. In the number of sections having schools there has been during the past year a slight increase over that of 1875. This in consideration of the almost unparalleled state of financial embarrassment throughout the entire county, is at least a favorable record. The increase in the number of schools in session is shown in the following tables.

Sections having Schools.	WINTER TERM.	Teachers Employed.
1874.....	17	31
1875.....	26	37
1876.....	25	41
1874.....	31	45
1875.....	34	47
1876.....	36	52

The schools, for the most part, have been taught by zealous and efficient teachers, and the people generally manifest an appreciation of their educational privileges. The following table represents the number, grade and sex of the teachers employed in the County during the past year.

WINTER TERM.

Grades.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Total.
Male.....	2	6	4	7	0	19
Female.....	0	1	10	8	1	20
Assistants.....					2	2
	2	7	14	15	3	41