

as, if divided, two poor ones would be the result. The event has fully vindicated their judgment; for on three consecutive visits I found the numbers in attendance stood respectively, 58, 61 and 63.

Houses.—Five new houses have been erected, and one, that at Peggy's Cove, has been enlarged and furnished at a cost of upwards of \$300. They have also expended \$150 on the School House in the Sedgewick Section in the Rural District. Several other sections have laid out sums from \$20 to \$120 in improvements. Provision has also been made for a House with two Departments at Herring Cove in the Western District, and Lake Egmont in the Rural. We hope next year to be able to report that Kirker and Beaver Harbor Sections, in the Eastern District, have provided suitable School accommodation.

Schools.—Winter Term, 112; Summer Term, 116. Last year 22 Sections were reported without Schools during any portion of the year; this number has now been reduced to 14. Of these the Rural District has but one, and that a Gold Mining Section. The Eastern District five, viz: Petpizwick East, Taylor's Head, Mushaboon, Kirker, and Ecum Secum. The Western District eight: Shag Bay, Oak Hill, Green Head, Goodwood, Spryfield, Kempton, Springfield and Montague. It will be seen from this that the number of Sections having no School in Winter or Summer Terms is steadily diminishing, and five more will be added to the list of School Keeping Sections in the next Report.

Attendance.—The grand total of attendance made by all the pupils in 1877 was 660256, and in 1876, 643831, showing an increase for 1877 of 16435; this would have been larger but for the prevalence of that fearful scourge *Diphtheria*, which, in some sections, has been exceedingly fatal. One death occurred at Hackett's Cove where, as a precautionary measure, the school was closed from January 15th to 20th. Indian Harbor reports 17 cases, and Pennant 5, from the same cause. The school at Lower Jeddore (west), after a session of 25 days was closed and not re-opened during the term, the teacher's life being at one time despaired of, and 9 cases ending fatally.

TEACHERS AND GRADES.

WINTER TERM.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
2	12	46	38	15

SUMMER TERM.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
1	13	46	39	17

TEACHER'S EXAMINATION.

The number of candidates for license in Halifax at the July Examination, the Grades applied for, the number who obtained the grades sought, and the number who obtained a license of some grade, will be seen at a glance from the following table:—

	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Total.
No. of Candidates	3	14	93	60	9	179
No. who obtained Grade sought.....	2	3	38	2	1	46
No. who obtained License of some Grade..	2	3	42	35	37	119

I have had much pleasure in reporting, especially to the Eastern and West-