

are yet entirely without apparatus of any kind, and are but a single remove from our most primitive style of school. The school-books in use are those prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction. These are not often kept as public property, and the supply in a large number of sections is by no means equal to the demands of the school. Indeed the want of a sufficient supply of text books for school uses is a standing complaint of teachers of nearly every grade.

The number of different teachers employed during the year was one hundred and twenty-six, as shown in the subjoined exhibit :—

WINTER TERM.							
Males.				Females.			
A.	B.	C.	D.	B.	C.	D.	E.
1	7	9	16	1	14	29	24
SUMMER TERM.							
Males.				Females.			
A.	B.	C.	D.	B.	C.	D.	E.
1	8	5	11	1	14	33	24

The teachers of this County are as a body, laborious and painstaking in the discharge of their duties, while their services are much too often very inadequately remunerated. There are a few, however, who could be spared to other employments, without their retirement being a source of much regret or loss to the schools over which they preside. The trained teacher, possessing as he does, many advantages over the untrained, is as a rule, here as elsewhere, much more successful in the discharge of his duties, than the untrained. The number of the former class seeking employment in this county is, I regret to say, extremely small, and this will probably remain the case until the law shall make it necessary for every applicant for teacher to teach in the public schools, to spend a term, at least, in some training school, subject to its approval.

During the year just closed I have visited all the sections having schools in operation within the county, except six. Three of these were smaller sections, having as before remarked, schools in winter only, and at the time of the year nearly inaccessible. The remaining three were not visited, owing to the bad condition of the roads in one instance, and in two others through my want of knowledge of the locality in which they were situated. The larger number of sections not having schools were also visited, and efforts made to induce the people to establish new schools, or re-open old ones. The School Register has, generally speaking, been neatly and accurately reported. In a few instances only was sufficient carelessness exhibited in this respect to merit remark.

The School Returns (A) have, as a rule, been partly filled up, those of the summer term being much superior in neatness and accuracy to those of the preceding.

This cannot truthfully be said of the B Returns, which too often present the strongest evidences of carelessness and neglect in furnishing the information sought by the issue of those important papers. I fear, Trustees do not avail themselves of the aid of the teachers in their preparation. The County Academy, during the first term of the school year, was under the management of E. H. Owen, Esq., and, upon his retirement, his place was supplied by the appointment of John McLeod, Esq., an energetic and pains-taking teacher.