

the principles of Christian morality." To the trustees the people must look to see their desires in this respect, so far as is consonant with the spirit of the law, carried into effect by the teacher.

That the trustees may be thoroughly familiar with these internal aspects of the school, the law makes it their duty to visit the school four times in the course of the year, and urges their attendance at the semi-annual examinations. By visiting in rotation, a monthly visit may be had. This would require, on the part of each, one visit a quarter. The encouragement and stimulus thus given both to the teacher and the taught would be incalculable.

It is also very important that the trustees be present at the school during the Inspector's visitation.

9. Every school being free to all the children in each section, there remains no hindrance to a universal popular education, but through the indifference or selfishness of parents. This exists to an alarming extent.

It is specially incumbent on the trustees as well as on teachers to see that all parents are aware of the boon now placed within their reach, and fully alive to its value; and to secure the largest and most regular attendance possible. Thus will they secure a larger portion of public money, and disseminate the blessings of education. Let all be able at least to read, write, and cypher.

10. The trustees must prepare a true return of the state of the school according to the form prepared by the Superintendent, and see that the same is lodged at the office of the Inspector on the day appointed for the same by the Board of Commissioners. Any failure in this respect will subject school officers to great inconvenience, and may deprive the section of public money. If the section be a "Border Section," the law instructs the trustees to make returns to each Board of Commissioners with which it is connected. The forms furnished will be minute, and every Board of Trustees is expected to use every exertion to have them accurately filled up.

These returns must form the ground work of all our educational statistics. Heretofore these statistics have been unreliable; but henceforth the register of the teacher will form the chief source whence they must be drawn; and trustees must, during their school visits, satisfy themselves that such register is being properly kept. The returns of the trustees being found reliable, we may know our condition in this department of the common weal, and be able to adopt such measures as shall best meet the exigencies of this branch of the public service.

11. To discharge the foregoing duties with diligence and faithfulness, will require no small amount of labor. But when we call to mind the object in view, and the important interests that hinge thereon, it cannot fail to be seen that such an object is amply entitled to it all. Besides, provision is made for the retiring of one of the members of this trusteeship annually.