ANNUAL RETURNS.—Trustees and teachers are hereby notified that public exigencies require the most prompt despatch of returns after the closing of the schools. Inspectors are strictly forbidden to wait one hour beyond the date fixed for the reception of returns *at their office.*

COUNTY ACADEMY RETURNS.—Of these there are two classes: 1. The returns of the department as a part of the public schools of the town, to be sent to the Inspector. 2. The county academy returns proper, to be sent direct to the Education Office. No academic grants will be paid until the returns are examined and passed, notice of which will be duly given to the local academic authorities.

THE OPENING DAY.—The attention of teachers is directed to the Regulation of the Council of Public Instruction, No. 7, under the head TEACHER. Neglecting to use at least a postal card in the discharge of this new duty may have unpleasant consequences. The Inspector should know what teacher is engaged in each section of his district. Sections from which no reports are received will be assumed to be vacant.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SCHOOL SECTION.—June 25th. Failure to perform "the duties imposed" on trustees render them liable to a fine of $20. (Manual, Page 11, Sec. 26).

"It shall further be the duty of trustees," "To forward to the Inspector of Schools, within one week after the annual school meeting of the section, a copy of the minutes of the meeting, duly signed by the chairman and secretary thereof." [Act, Sec. 31 (11), Page 15, Manual.]—That is before July 3rd.

ANNUAL ENGAGEMENTS.—Trustees and teachers should promptly notice the regulation making engagements between teachers and trustees for a period less than one year illegal, unless for special cause after the consent of the Inspector is obtained, such consent being simultaneously transmitted to the Education Office for registration. The law thus lays a heavy responsibility upon the Inspector, that of seeing that the spirit of the law is no where ignored with impunity.