

the three into one, in the printed forms and regulations for the government of Schools. These registers should be carefully kept by the Teacher; and should be open to the Trustees and all School Visitors at all times; and be delivered up to the Secretary-Treasurer on the settlement of the Teacher with the Trustees.\*

\* The Common School Law in the State of New-York is very stringent in regard to the duty of keeping school registers, rolls, &c—much more so than the School Law for Upper Canada. The following are extracts (omitting the forms) from the instructions of the State Superintendent on this subject:—

“By § 11, of the act of 1841, the Trustees of each district are to provide a book, in which the Teachers are to enter the names of the scholars attending school, and the number of days they shall have respectively attended, and also the number of times the school has been inspected by the County and Town Superintendent. This list is to be verified by the oath of the Teacher.

“The strict and faithful performance of this duty is highly important, not only to the District but to the Teacher. It is the basis upon which the rate-bills are to be made out, and by which the sums to be paid by parents are to be ascertained. Error in these lists will therefore produce injustice. It has been held by this department, that the Teacher is not entitled to call on the Trustees for his wages, unless he furnishes them an accurate list of scholars, on which they can prepare the rate-bills, and issue their warrant. Hence the Teacher has a direct personal interest in the preservation of an accurate list, which he can verify by his oath.”

“At the time any pupil enters the schools, the Teacher should immediately insert the date and the name of the scholar. At the close of the quarter the whole number of days that each pupil attended is to be ascertained from the check-roll, and entered in the third column, in words at length, and also in figures, as in the above form.

“Each Teacher at the commencement of every quarter must provide a day or check roll, in which the name of every scholar is to be entered. It should be ruled so as to give six columns, corresponding to the number of days in the week. The number attending should be ascertained each half day, and pencil marks made in the column for the day opposite to the name of each one present. At the end of the week, the number of days each pupil has attended during the week, should be summed up and entered on the weekly roll. Each half day's attendance should be noted; and two half days should be reckoned as one day. The pencil marks on the day roll may be obliterated, so that the same roll may be used during the quarter. The weekly roll should be formed in the same manner, so as to contain the names of the pupils, and thirteen columns ruled, corresponding to the number of weeks in the quarter.”

“At the end of the quarter the Teacher will sum up the attendance of each pupil from this weekly roll, and enter the result in the book provided by the Trustees as before mentioned, showing the whole number of days each scholar has attended during the quarter.

“At the end of the list the following oath or affirmation is to be written:—

“A. B. being duly sworn, (or affirmed,) deposes that the foregoing is a true and accurate list of the names of the scholars who attended the District School of District No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the town of \_\_\_\_\_ during the quarter commencing the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 184 , and the number of days they respectively attended.

“This oath or affirmation is to be signed by the Teacher, and certified by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Deeds, Judge of any Court of Record, or County Clerk, to have been taken before him.

“The Teachers are also required to make an abstract of the lists for the use of the Trustees, at the end of each quarter; showing the results exhibited under the following heads, and in the following form:—

“Abstract of the attendances of Scholars in the District School of District No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, during the quarter commencing the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 184 :—

“Of Scholars who attended less than two months, there were .....	“
“two months and less than four .....	“
“four months and less than six .....	“
“six months and less than eight .....	“
“eight months and less than ten .....	“
“ten months and less than twelve .....	“
“twelve months .....	“

“This abstract is to be signed by the Teacher and delivered to the Trustees.