

TABLE IV.
WINTER TERM.

Date.	No. School.	TEACHERS.							Pupils Enrolled.	Attention.
		A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
1877.	101	..	23	60	24	5	50	62	112	311256
1875.	95	..	19	48	33	7	48	59	107	262296
Increase	6	..	4	12	..	..	2	3	5	49020
Decrease	..	..	..	..	9	2	..	..	..	

SUMMER TERM.

1877.	103	..	15	48	30	16	25	84	109	4832	256510
1875.	103	1	10	39	43	20	22	90	115	4880	256049
Increase	..	..	5	9	..	..	3	..	..	2	461
Decrease	..	1	..	..	13	4	..	6	4	..	
Increase for year..	6	..	9	20	..	..	5	9	1	394	49481
Decrease " ..	..	1	..	..	22	6	..	..	..		

The foregoing comparison indicates an increase in the attendance and in the number of schools and pupils, as well as in the number of teachers of the higher grades. While there is much cause of encouragement, in many matters connected with our schools, there are many hindrances which compel us to admit, that advancement is gained only at the snail's pace; and our schools are not reaching that high standpoint, once fondly hoped for, so rapidly as could be desired. Every candid teacher admits, that the strictures and unfavorable criticisms, made upon some of the schools, are due to the indiscriminate employment of untrained and inexperienced teachers. It is not at all a matter of wonder that under the present system of selecting teachers, many a school is simply kept, not taught; and it ought not to be a matter of surprise, that the people are becoming painfully aware of this, and are awakening to the fact, that there is an erroneous waste of time, energy and money, and that the results are not at all commensurate with the labor and treasure bestowed upon our Schools. I do not undervalue the fact, that so many of our teachers have attended the Training School, and appreciate the advantages gained thereat. I believe the erection of the New Normal School Building, at such an expense to the County, will prove a happy financial operation, provided all teachers hereafter are either required to receive their training, or demonstrate in such an Institution their ability to teach, before being allowed to take charge of a