

ing about 150 pupils, and is amply sufficient in this respect for the present needs of the section.

During the year I have visited all the sections having schools, except four. Two of these were insular sections, and, as remarked in a previous report, very difficult of access in Winter, the only period in which the schools are in session. The remaining two were not visited owing to causes beyond my control. A number of sections having no schools were also visited, and efforts made to awaken in the minds of Trustees a certain degree of enthusiasm in the cause of education. These visits have already borne some fruit, and I have reason to hope much from these and similar attempts.

The school registers have been, in a majority of instances, neatly and carefully kept. In some few cases, teachers seem to have forgotten that these records are public property and liable at any time to be consulted, and have taken little or no pains to make their entries either complete or accurate. The number of the careless and indifferent in this respect is growing yearly less, and I have no doubt ere long will be reduced to a minimum.

I am glad to be able to report a considerable improvement in the A returns, the accuracy and neatness of which is greatly increasing. The B returns is, however, it seems, incapable of improvement, and is simply a standing reproach upon Boards of Trustees, who, if they make the proper effort, would less frequently fail to have them properly and accurately filled in. The statistics therein contained, with all the care bestowed upon their correctness, are to be regarded only as approximations to the truth.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR,—

With pleasure, I submit the following Report on the Public Schools of the County of Cumberland, for the year ended 31st of October, 1877.

In the Winter Term one hundred and twenty-three schools and departments were in operation, and in the Summer Term one hundred and thirty-eight. This is a gain of two departments in the winter and nine in the summer over last year.

The following table presents at one view the number, grade and sex of all the teachers employed in the county during the school year which has closed :

Winter Term.		
Males.	Females.	Total.
A..... 1	B..... 1	Males..... 27
B..... 9	C..... 39	Females..... 96
C..... 11	D..... 32	
D..... 6	E..... 24	123