

their neighbours, they will, I have no doubt, receive from you every assistance which you can afford them. Indeed it is essential to the improvement and success of school instruction, that the influence of the Managers and Teachers of Schools should be strengthened and sustained; and, surely, no one in your District has so large opportunities as yourself to impart enlightened views on subjects of popular instruction.

As it respects the local School Reports for the current year, they are, of course, to be made as heretofore—the School Act of 1843, being in force until the 1st of January, 1847—the day on which the Reports of Township Superintendents are to be dated—the Reports of Trustees being dated the day previous. And the Township Superintendents with their Reports, for the current year, are required to pay over to you, all School moneys remaining in their hands, and to deliver over all papers which they hold by virtue of their office. The last section of the new Act provides for the collection of all penalties imposed by the old Act upon Township Superintendents for neglect of any part of their duty.

The only other remark I have to make is, that with firmness in the discharge of your duties, everything should be done in the spirit of gentleness and kindness. This spirit should pervade the whole system of public instruction, from the humblest Teacher up to the Executive Government. Whatever diversity of sentiment and predilection there may be among the various Teachers, Trustees, Visitors and Superintendents on men and things in other respects, it should not be permitted to interfere with their harmonious co-operation and labours, in a work which embraces the best interests of the entire country, and of future generations, without regard to sect or party.

My estimate of the importance of your own office in this great work has been sufficiently expressed in a late Circular to Municipal Councils, as well as in my Report on Elementary Instruction; and it will be alike my duty and pleasure to supply any omissions of the present Circular, and to afford you every assistance in my power in the prosecution of your onerous and responsible duties.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EGERTON RYERSON.

To _____,

Superintendent of Common Schools,

in the

District.