

shows a gradual improvement.

	No. Pupils enrolled.	Percentage of average Attendance.			
		1875	1876	1877	
Biddulph	922	43	46	49 1/2	
Delaware	496	46	42	45 3/4	
Dorchester N.	1328	38	39	40 1/2	
London	2363	44	46	45	
Nissouri W.	986	50	50	51 3/4	
Westminster	1795	44	46	48 1/2	
Lucan	305	53	50	58	
London E.	906	36	40	49 1/2	
Petersville	330	44	48	46	

The operation of the compulsory attendance clauses of the School Law has helped to effect this improvement. In many of the school sections these clauses were carried out with the result, I am informed by both teachers and trustees, that children who had never attended before, were sent to school on account of the message delivered by the census taker, others for the same reason attended more regularly than they had done before. I find there are many parents and trustees who do not clearly understand their duties and responsibilities in this matter. It would prove a simple and effective plan to have the sections of the Law and General Regulations relating to compulsory attendance printed on slips of paper, one of which might be left by the census taker at the house of every parent and guardian. Another cause, which has contributed perhaps even more to increase the average attendance, is, that the teachers and public are becoming more keenly alive to the fact, that the large-

ness of the percentage of attendance is so often a fair criterion of the excellence and efficiency of the teacher. I have seen a teacher move from school to school, and have found every school he taught regularly and well attended; others again always have a small attendance compared with the number on the register. In the latter case one often hears a parent say: "I don't know why it is, but I cannot get my children to go to that teacher," in the former you will hear: "We cannot keep the children at home." I have visited a school where all the pupils were present except two, but on the average I find about half of those present whose names are on the register. It has to be considered that large scholars who attend during the winter only, remain enrolled during the year.

	Total Expenditure for all School Purposes.	Cost per Annum per registered pupil.	Rate per \$1 on the County equalized Assessment.
Biddulph	\$4774.66	\$5.17	.0038
Delaware	3033.92	6.14	.0040
Dorchester N.	6864.15	5.19	.0043
London	17067.57	7.22	.0036
Nissouri W.	5572.12	5.67	.0035
Westminster	14781.58	7.23	.0046
London East	4761.74	5.25	.0092
Lucan	1371.60	4.50	.0152
Petersville	1258.23	3.81	.0114