

The number of teachers with their respective grades may be thus tabulated :

WINTER TERM.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
1.	10.	49.	31.	18.

SUMMER TERM.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
2.	7.	54.	41.	13.

This gives an increase of teachers holding the higher grades which, all things being equal, is a great gain. All things being equal I repeat, for one of the poorest schools visited, whether reviewed in regard to classification, mode of teaching, order and discipline or progress of pupils, was taught by a Grade B male.

A case like this shows how important it is in the selection of a teacher, to take into consideration more than one point, and not be misled by the fallacy that because a man has succeeded in obtaining a B *License* he is necessarily a good teacher, and here it may not be amiss to remark that the principle upon which the *bonus* is at present paid seems to me faulty, as it only takes cognizance of the grade and *five* year's service which may have been in as many again sections. As the constant change of teachers is, on all hands, admitted to be so detrimental to the welfare of our schools, if a prescribed length of service in the *same* section were required to secure the bonus it would become a corrective of a most disastrous practice.

After several visits and much effort we have succeeded in opening a school, for the first time under the present law, in the African Section, above Hammond's Plains. Our first step was to repair an old building, which we have done through your aid. We were very fortunate in securing the services of a competent teacher who opened the school, late in the term, with 71 on the register. On the day of my last visit 49 were present. Two of the Trustees were in attendance. The order was good and quite an interest displayed. In this, hitherto, neglected section there are between 90 and 100 children over five years of age.

We have also a careful and successful teacher engaged in the Lucus Section.

The house in the Maroon Hill Section—thanks to your unremitting kindness and help—has been plastered and made quite comfortable. A teacher has been engaged for the next term.

We are also endeavoring to create sufficient interest in the Guysborough Road Section to induce them to organize a school and trust that we shall succeed in doing so by Spring.

In the African, Lucus, Maroon Hill, Guysborough Road, Beech Hill and Preston Road Sections, there are about 250 colored children, many of whom have hitherto had scarcely any opportunity of acquiring the simplest rudiments of an education.

If these sections are to be a credit and not a disgrace to the County they will require much fostering care from Superintendent, Commissioners, Inspector and all concerned.

Their extreme poverty will also render necessary special aid for books, &c.

I cannot pass on without acknowledging the kindness of Mr. MacKinlay who has, from time to time, been very liberal in his gift of books, &c., for the use of these and other destitute sections.

Dartmouth School.—It is very gratifying to note the deep interest taken in these schools by the influential men of the section, which is manifested in