

agement from the past experience of his blessing on our humble efforts, to go forward with renewed courage in our efforts to bring "up the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And I wish you to know, to your satisfaction, that your grant has been well bestowed ;— the burden, care, and superintendence of the schools have devolved principally upon myself ; and I can truly say our school efforts afford the promise of much good for the future ; and should your committee be disposed to continue their assistance, as usual, the divine blessing will rest on the Society, and I will undertake, as heretofore, to see that your bounty be properly applied, and will continue to render a faithful report thereof.

The three schools aided by your Society are, I am thankful to say on the whole, doing well, and have made considerable improvement during the past year. But should your grant be in any way curtailed, with all our efforts we should soon be considerably in debt, and the schools eventually closed for want of money. The poverty of the congregation and the settlement combine to produce this effect.

Therefore, I earnestly entreat that we may again be favored by the kind benevolence of your Society ; and with grateful recollections of your former assistance, I subscribe myself, &c.

This extract is published with the hope that something may be done in aid :—

There is, I believe, a letter of mine before your committee asking for a grant to our school at this place. The school is now in operation and has been since the 15th of December : superintended by myself, and assisted by my son. The number on the books, 42, average 39. This is the oldest settlement in this county ; nevertheless, the people are still poor, generally speaking, and never have had any better education for their children than that afforded at a common district school. The people have made an effort and built a school-house, which will soon be ready to be occupied. We petitioned the school commissioners of the township and have got it established as the model school of the town, with a small grant (\$50 a year). We wish to have a teacher trained at your model school to take charge of it, under my own direction ; and for this purpose I should like my son, who is now assisting me in the school, to have the privilege of being, for a short time, at the training school to acquire a knowledge of the system.

Without some aid from some Society I fear all our efforts will not succeed : for no young man will give his time to teaching, however much he likes it, unless he receives some reasonable compensation. The school is regularly opened with prayer and reading of the scriptures. I believe the people will be satisfied with whatever instruction I see fit to give their children.

Hoping you will kindly lay this before your board if, as yet, no grant has been made, and humbly asking aid towards our school. I remain, &c.