

sweep, with closed doors and windows, is daily made by stirring up the dust, the heavier portions of which are carried out of the door, while the finer particles are left floating about in the air of the room, bearing infectious diseases to the lungs and blood of the children. Disinfectants and other precautionary measures are entirely ignored. My experience in this matter justifies me in urging upon the Council of Public Instruction the suggestion of the Inspector for Cumberland (W. P. Darragh) to "constitute every Inspector a Health Officer, required to enforce an efficient system of hygiene in our schools."

Whatever strictures upon delinquent officers I have made in my remarks, I trust will be taken by them in good part. Much good may be done in remedying defects in the working of our present school system by bringing the evils before the public in the Inspector's Annual Report.

With all deference to yourself, my dear sir, I cannot close this report without a parting tribute of sorrow for the death of my kind friend and adviser, the late Superintendent, whose sympathetic nature and uniformly courteous demeanor during all our official intercourse won my confidence and respect. A.I.D., as you now have assumed the arduous and responsible duties of the office as his successor, be assured that in your efforts to advance the educational interests of this County, you will receive the sympathy and co-operation of your subordinate officer and

obedient servant,

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KINGS COUNTY.

COLIN ROSCOE, Inspector.

SIR,—

With my fourth Annual Report, hereby respectfully submitted, I forward the usual statistical tables and notes of inspection for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1877.

These tables have been prepared with much care, and show a greater number of schools and a larger attendance for the past year than for any previous year in the history of the schools in this county.

At the annual school meeting of 1876, A.D., more liberal sums were voted for school purposes than heretofore, with a view to secure as many well-qualified male teachers as possible for the winter. This gave to the County a large number of excellently conducted schools for that term, and although too many sections changed teachers for the summer, giving their schools into the hands of female teachers, and, in many instances, to those untrained and inexperienced; yet the year's work has been one of progress and much success. The condition of the schools, which I am inclined to describe as reasonably satisfactory, does not, for a moment, exclude the idea that there is still room for improvement and advancement in almost every direction. I have shown by means of the following tables, the number of schools, the number of pupils enrolled, and the attendance for the past year, together with a comparative statement between the *past* and the years 1875 and 1876 :—