
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The growing promptness and business-like character of our trustees and those conducting the annual school meetings all over the country is very gratifying. Last year there were but few sections to complain of. It is hoped that this year those who neglect to send in the minutes of meeting to the Inspector will become a vanishing quantity in most counties. It is easier to report promptly than otherwise. Within one week from the date of the Annual Meeting every Inspector should have the state of his inspectorate under his eye—the new trustee elected, the money voted, whether the section is under the compulsory attendance law, &c.

OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL.

In like manner every Inspector should promptly know when each school opens. No teacher should forget, as the matter is one of much greater importance than such a one thinks. On the very day on which the school opens the card of notification should be written. The innocent forgetting becomes a serious matter to the individual if the law is strictly carried out, which it always should be.

LABOR DAY, &c.

"Labor" day and "Thanksgiving" day are holidays in the public schools when they are proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor as holidays. The probability is that they will always be proclaimed as such, and if any one in the community should be aware of such proclamation it should be the teacher.

It is illegal to teach on such a day; and if through ignorance on the part of a teacher the fact of proclamation should not be known and the day should be taught, it will be illegal to count such a day in the return or to substitute the day for any other holiday taken in its place.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

Wherever the Compulsory Attendance clauses of the Education Act of 1895 were passed at the annual meeting of the section last year it continues to remain in force, and is not required to be voted on henceforward. But in every school section in which the compulsory clauses were not adopted last year they must be voted on this year. Inspectors are required to report the number of sections which adopted this law last year, the additional sections adopting it this year, the number of sections voting but not adopting it this year, and sections which may have neglected to vote on the question. Any sections coming under this last head are not in a position to draw any public grants until they