

in text books as essential to successful teaching." The evil of diversified text books, and the expensiveness of the diversity and frequent change of them to parents, are strongly stated in the reports.

*School Moneys.*—Total State appropriation for Common School purposes, including amount paid to County Superintendents, and including, also, the amount paid to Philadelphia, in 1867, \$343,140; amount collected by taxes in School districts, \$3,628,145; total \$3,972,285. To which must be added for "cost of purchasing, renting, building and repairing school-houses, \$985,152.

*Teachers.*—Number of male teachers employed in 1867, 6,619; female teachers, 8,590—total 15,209. Average salaries of male teachers per month, \$35.87; of female teachers, \$27.51. The teachers are hired by the month in Pennsylvania and most other States, and are therefore paid only during the months that the schools are kept open,—which is less than six months in Pennsylvania. The State Superintendent says:—"The qualifications of the Teachers of the State are still much below what they ought to be. This is shown by the astonishing fact, that not one half of them ever read a book on the subject of teaching."

*Schools.*—The State Superintendent remarks—"The average length of time during which the Schools of the State are kept open is five months and sixteen and three-fourth days. In a large number of districts the school term is only four months. Such short terms do injustice to the children of the State, and render it entirely impossible to secure well qualified teachers."

*School Attendance.*—The School population of the State is not given. The whole number of pupils in attendance at the Schools, in 1867, is stated at 660,163; the average attendance at 414,537. Fifteen districts or townships are reported as not having put schools in operation, and thus continue to forfeit their share in the State appropriation.

## 2.—OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

There are 37 chartered University Colleges in the State of Pennsylvania, fourteen of which have voluntarily forwarded reports to the State Superintendent. They report in the aggregate 112 professors and tutors; 2,120 student pupils; 214 having graduated during the year.—Thirty-two Academics reported having 190 instructors, and 4,414 pupils. Only eleven high schools reported—stated to be a very small proportion of those in the State, "since there are 2,147 graded schools, and every system of graded schools must, in some sense, have high schools."

## 3.—GENERAL REMARKS.

There are three provisions of the present Pennsylvania school system which are an immense improvement upon anything which has preceded them: namely. The appointment of the State Superintendent by the Executive with the advice of the Senate, instead of by popular election throughout the State; the appointment of County Superintendents, in place of Town Superintendents, by the Township Directors or Trustees, instead of by a universal suffrage vote as