Annual School Report of the Coun ty Superintendent of Centre County. --For the Year Ending June 7th,

Having reported very fully last year, I hall at this time briefly notice a few

of the evidences of continued EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

All of our thirty school districts made markbd improvement, save two or three School Houses, -Seven have been built during the year; one each in Boggs, Ferguson, Howard, Huston, Potter, Rush and Walker Some of these are jest and commodious, while a few of them are in many respects not up to the standard. The Penusylvania School Architect should be consulted, other and houses examined, and great care taken in maturing the plan of a proposed school-house

[might cite a number of recent instances of the too frequent error of directors, in providing simply for the present in consequence of which, before the debt incurred is liquidated, it would seem necessary to begin to į, ald again.

Penn district lost a hone by hie, and and he spared without much loss.

Some Improvement has been made an arranging and fen ing the grounds; and quite a respectable number of houses have been repaired and remodeled on various ways. New houses are in ourse of erection in Haines, and a numher of other districts

Farmily - t stealy improvement in style and adaptation of furniture is oung on Fourteen houses have been supplied with suitable furniture during

Apparata. - Hight schools have been

ke rate at lt requires much tact . I there is no to properly classify a and, and yet this must procede all in ignorance among us. successful teaching. A want of this generally owing to a lack of decision in the part of teachers, strengthened seful branches. Much of the good of I ganize the class.

tudies, depends much upon the "how" d commencing During the year 2392 98, an increase of 1582 over last year, Map drawing 1962 an increase of 1884 over last year; Writing was taught to 3550, Composition 2987, Physiology 2473, Natural Philosophy 55, Algebra 157, Physical Geography 260, Phonetic Spelling. 4392 6008 practice singing daily; in some schools vocal music was taught as a regular study

Cleanliness - Much improvement is shown, a large majority of the schoolrooms are tastefully decorated with mottoes, pictures, evergreens, etc., in striking contrast with the few which, prisonlike in their gloom, present nothing but bare, smoked and defaced walls, doformed benches, and broken windows. The school room should be made attractive, so as to lure the little ones to the spot; besides, this has much to do with the formation of character.

Class Registers and call-bells are used in most of the schools. When pupils once know that an exact record will be kept of every recitation, they soon learn to take pride in having that record good; in some schools the record of the entire class is read, without comment, at the close of each recitation.

Attendance.-The average percentage of attendance throughout the county is fully as high as it was last year, (.78) and considerably greater than for any of the five preceeding years.

Graded Schools .- Four schools have Zion, Stormstown, Farmers Mills, Penn by directors during term; 888. (being before he shot himself, wrote on the sand, Hall, Snow Shoe and Port Matilda. an increase of 313 over last year.) Vis-101 am mad."

wherever practicable.

Teachers. -As a class our teachers have done well. A large majority of them are carnest, enthusiastic, devoted, and had we the proper encouragement, all might be such; but for want of appreciation, adequate salary, and more permanent employment, the two classes mentioned in last year's report have to be retained Number of Males 120, Fomales 78; number who have read works on teaching 198, (every one, otherwise, none were licensed) 21 hold professional certificates, 65 have attended a Normal school, 65 have taught over five years, and 42 have had no experience in teaching. Many of our teachers are too young; avarage age 25 years-ranging from 16 upwards; we find every year a scarcity of competent teachers, but are convinced that the cause of this lies with the directors-the power that employs teachers, fixes their salaries, length of term, etc. This brings us to consider the subject of

Salaries -- On this topic I can not report progress. We need a more thorough grading of teachers' salaries. Nothing is more detrimental to the cause than the unjust plan still practiced in many districts of paying the same wages to all alike whether and, or through the extrem to is therefore obliged to build the com- they a teachers estheril count to the a given. A few others in the county had of certificate in possession. This is putting ability at a discount, driving our best tenchers out of the profession, virtually paying a premium on inability, and is utterly rumous to the schools. A little thought on this subject will convince all Will directors move in the matter?

Test Books -District uniformity exists, except in Patton.

Moral Instruction .- As reported to me, the scripture was read daily in every school, and the Lord's Prayer repeated every morning in many.

Absentee.sm .- I have with some difapplied during the year 111 are now ficulty gathered pretty rehable statistics applied with Outline maps, 98 with which show that there are over 1000 talohes, nearly all with mottoes, children of the proper school ago in the stel about 80 with writing tablets, (the county, that did not attend school a single latter belonging in most cases to the day during the year, the result in most cases of shoer indifference on the part of Schools -Our schools have made fair uneducated parents. This is a subject average progress during the year We of grave importance, inasmuch as it inhave many good schools, a number of truntely concerns the welfage of the or a good ones, some outer or one, with a rising generation in our midst. Liberal towalmost worth's ones. Three total provision is made for the free educafailures occurred. Upon the whole, how- thou of all, buildings are erected, teachever, considerable improvement is mani- fers are unployed, and where parents tested in better government, month are unable to supply necessary books, thorough instruction, and more rigid they are provided at public expense chestication. Whole number of schools | Will not those who have power or influence over this matter give it the consideration its importance demands and mai-t that no child shall grow up

WORK DONE BY SUPERINTENDENT Examinations - Whole number of examinations held 32, public 25, prithe interference of meddlesome Cout- vato 7 Number examined -Males 130, oders " Parents seem to lose sight of Females 105, rejected 21. The examthe fact, that their children will need a mations were generally well attended, Snowledge of branches which were not 105 directors, and 1052 citizens in alcommonly taught when they were young tendance. In four districts only, I tions to defend her sister. Young Da and that they are paying (in their Haines, Harris, Huston and Rush, did hool tra) for instruction in all of these the secretary fail to be present and or-

the schools is thus lost. We are opposed | Critiquates .- Provisional certificates to "cramming the minds of children [issued, 200), professional, 18, annulled, with two many studies, but think the [2] renewed, 2, average grade of certifitendency is in the opposite direction. | cates about the same as last year, the The "when " of commencing different | standard having been slightly raised.

Visitations .- It is almost impossible to visit all the schools in the county pupils studied Grammar, being un in- during the short terms they are kept rease of 658 over last year, descriptive open, unless the visits be short; I visitcography 3050, an increase of 836 over | od all, however, except four which wer last year , U. S. History, 2015, an in- not in session when I reached the neighcrease of 1215 over last your; Written borhood, some were visited a second Authmetic 5815, an increase of 1480 time. Number of visits 240, averaging over last year; Mental Arithmetic 61- a nittle over two hours in length Most of my visiting was done in company with directors, and patrons-102 directors, and 210 patrons thus accompanying me Number of visits made with directors 150.

County Institute -Our twenty-third Annual County Institute, which was held at Howard, during the holidays, was more largely attended than any previous one ever held in the county; 230 teachers were in attendance, of whom 170 were at the time teaching in the public schools of the county. The fruits of the Institute were plainly discernable in the improved condition of many schools visited after its close.

Normal Institute - The fourth annuual session was held at Rober-burg during the vacation of the public schools. The Superintendent was again assisted by Prof. H. Meyer and Rev. W G Engle. About 50 teachers were in at

tendance. Summary .- I labored 285 days in the discharge of official duties; held 25 public examinations, made 240 official visits; taught ten wocks (grafuttourly) in the County Normal School; held one County Institute of five days attended the State Convention of Superintendents, three district Institutes, 30 educational meetings; wrote 208 official letters, and traveled 3004 miles in the discharge of the above duties

WORK DONE BY OTHER AGENCIES. Visits by Parents and others, -This item been graded during the year; two in Bellefonte and two in Rush. Graded indicates an increasing interest which

Such schools should be established its by patrons, 3353, (an increase of 735 over last year.) Visits by teachers during term, 477. Number of addresses delivered by visitors, 587.

> Pennsylvania Agricultural College. The number of students is increasing.

The Academies, Select and Private schools are about the same in number and standing as last year.

Subscription Schools are open during the Summer in all parts of the county. I am not propared to give statistics of

District Superintendency was adopted by one or two districts only. Could we but get our law makers to see the necessity of proper and efficient local supervision! Our schools demand more effective supervision than any one man can give thom, with our present short term. .

District Institutes, were held in two or three districts only.

Clergy. -Comparatively little aid is

received from this source. Press.-Our thanks, and those of an intelligent reading community, are due to the editors of the different county papers, for the interest they have manifested in behalf of the cause.

OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF IMPROVE-MENT

They are the same as mentioned in my form a report.

B. M. MAGEE, June 7th 1870 Co Supt

Terrible Tragedy.

One of the most eaugunary deeds growing out of jealousy, and one of the highest exhibitions of female courage we have seen any account of for many a day, occurred a few days ago near th Fast Tennessee line, on the edge of North Carolina, bordering on Blount county. The accounts which we ab-breviate from the several reports, seem miraculous and extravagant. The parties represented are said to be credita ble and respectable.

It appears that the wife of James

Davenport became jealous of a young girl named Kate Jackson, represented as being quite handsome and loveable Quarrels and contentions were fierce and frequent between the two ladies

On the day of the fatal collosion if appears that Miss Kate Jackson, ir company with her married sister, Mrs De Armand, passed the residence of the Davenport family. As soon as the sisters were discovered on the road, the Davenports, six in number, comprising the mother, three daughters, hein grown, and two sons, the eldest about eighteen years of age rallied in force and set out in vigorous pursuit of the defenceless sisters. The trail was continued until the sisters had nearly reached the Tennesse line. Here the Davenport brothers, by a military movement, strategically flanked them, and pre-ented a front armed sticks and stones. This caused Kate and her sister to halt and then attempt to retrace their steps. But upon at tempting to retreat they were confront ed by Mrs. Davenport and her three daughters, similarly armed, who commanded Mrs. De Armand to get out of the way as they intended to kill Kate Instead of obeying this military order, Mrs. De Armand made prepara venport, the elder son, seeing the op-position to this order, at once let go a stone at her, which took effect on her head, breaking her skull and prostra-ting her lifeless on the ground.

The heroic Kate was thus at the ou set of the engagement, left to defend herselt. She rallied and maintained her line by indiscriminately hurling upon the attacking party such flinty missiles as came opportune to her One of these shots took immediate effect upon the elder Davenport boy, slitting one side of his face and placing him hors du combat. Turning her at tention to the maternal head of the Davenport family, she directed a stone against her head that inflicted a severe wound and laid her sprawling on the field. This accomplished, the brave girl slowly fell back to a position where she could supply herself with the necessary amunition. This point attained and being still beneged, she again discharged a shot and another of the Davenport boys wilted. Then the Davenport girls rallied and made a desperate charge on her with clubs and stones, inflicting serious wounds, but not succeeding in getting her down. Just at this crisis Kate hard pressed as she was, and having no time to stoop to gather rocks to defend herself, extracted fron her pocket a small pen knife, measuring about six inches in the blade, and commence ed an indiscriminate and very wild and general cutting at the combined Da-venport girls surrounding her. The result of this fearful frenzy on the part of Kate was seriously detrimental to the well being of the Davenport temales. Two of them received serious slashes from the weapon she wielded, one of them dropping on the tield from loss of blood set floring from the kmic and the other so disabled as to be a

fit subject for hospital practice.

This unexpected result contributed materially to the withdrawal of the remaining Davenport hesieging party who quietly removed their disabled who quietly removed their disabled from the field, leaving the herolar Kate master of the situation.

The casualities sustained in this engagement only amount to the death of Mrs. De Armand, with the probability that the elder Miss Duvenport will also

die, and the crippling for life of four others of the Davenport family.

Kute-Jackson was less injured than any one engaged in the fight, and was able to carry her dead sister home after the battle clased.

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