

In making out my report to the State Superintendent of the Public Schools in the district intrusted to my care, it will be quite unnecessary for me to occupy his time in looking over a lengthy paper, as but few changes have been made since my last report.

Our township is divided into five school districts—unequal as regards numbers—but have been made to give as much satisfaction as possible to all the people.

The district of Second River, comprising the village, and in numbers equalling nearly half of the whole township, is now accommodated with a very complete house, with ample accommodations for all the children who may be expected to attend. The trustees are doing all in their power to promote the interest of the school; have provided faithful teachers—one male—as principal; one female, with an assistant female; all licensed. The institution now promises well.

The same may be said of Montgomery, Franklin, and North Belleville districts, where good schools, in comfortable buildings, are carefully sustained, under competent teachers, and much engaged in their several situations.

In the small district of South Belleville, a school was opened under the care of a well-prepared instructress, in the early part of the season, and was continued during the summer, but from want of a suitable building it has been discontinued during the winter.— The trustees hoping in the opening year to be provided with a house.

Thus, sir, you have a hasty view of what is doing with us. I shall conclude by simply stating, that so far as the trustees and teachers are concerned, a very general interest has been manifested to further and promote the cause of common school education. The greatest delinquency is probably on the part of your humble servant; evincing the want of proper forethought in the people, my fellow-citizens, in making a professional man town superintendent.

S. J. WARD.