

A general statement of our affairs you will find noticed in your schedule, which I return. We have no special change to notice in our school arrangements since last season. All our schools except one, the South Belleville, have been kept open during the year, and a very laudable interest has been manifested in their advancement by the several boards of trustees, and some of our schools have made good progress. Our schools, under the charge of female teachers, deserve special commendation. The want of interest among parents, noticed in a former report, is still a lamentable obstacle to the success and good order of the schools. A want of punctuality in the attendance of the scholars, which can only be enforced by parents and guardians, being much complained of by all of our teachers. Another difficulty has been much in the way of our prosperity, the frequent change of teachers, and the few to be round possessing the experience and firmness of mind requisite to carry on the work of educating children. This has given us much anxiety, and even now, but one or two of our schools seem to be but temporarily supplied. We hope our Normal School will ere long relieve us of this embarrassment.

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