

Another year has passed away, and we have again to come before the public with the report of our progress during that period. Were it not obligatory it would scarcely be necessary to trouble you with the paper, for, truly, we have little of interest to report. We have had no changes in our districts, and have changed but one of our teachers. All of our schools have been conducted carefully, and the trustees of the several districts have been attentive to the charge committed to them, and our free school system has seemed to work well and be gaining in the estimation of the people. But it is to be regretted that a system in itself so well calculated to do good and to promote the cause of education among all classes of society, should have the tendency, in the minds of many, to throw off the responsibility of their children's education and trust to their teachers to do all the work. I wish we could devise some means to bring parents to come up to their obligations in this matter, and then our schools would do more good and the grand interest of society be promoted, and many young men and women be brought forward from our public schools prepared well to act their part.

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