

In my answers to the questions in your circular, I have endeavored to be as correct as my means of information would aid me, but it is very probable I may not be correct in some particulars.

With regard to the state of our schools, matters remain so much the same as in my former reports, that I have, in fact, but little which calls for notice.

As regards the concerns of the several districts, I can say that the schools have not been neglected.

The trustees have been in all the districts, attentive to the wants of the several schools, and watchful in their care over them; and I believe the institution of free schools is held in much favor by the people generally, and they have expressed their willingness to be taxed for their support.

In three of our districts the schools have been regularly kept open, no change in the teachers, and all attended with punctuality and care, to the satisfaction of all concerned, and over all the pupils the teachers are exerting a kindly and efficient moral influence, which does credit to the institution.

In two of our districts repeated changes of teachers have operated, of course, not to the good of the schools. One teacher having charge barely time enough to form an idea of the wants of the school, is superseded by another, which has materially interfered with the good order and progress of the scholars.

The friends of these schools flatter themselves that they are now doing better, believing that they have faithful teachers. The trustees of all our district schools are to be commended for their willingness to adopt measures for the interest of the schools; and promptness in looking to their welfare.

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