

Number of boys attending at the close,	-	-	-	-	2,363
“ girls “ “ “	-	-	-	-	2,392
Total,	-	-	-	-	4,755
Amount paid for Teachers' salaries,	-	-	-	\$8,445.20	
“ “ Incidental expenses,	-	-	-	1,482.56	

Number of Schools in operation at the close of the term, 114.

With the funds at our command, we will be able, we think, to continue the Schools for more than three terms. A misapprehension of the law caused the Board of County Commissioners to omit to make the annual levy for School purposes. But lately, upon a proper representation to them of their duty under the law, they have given us, from their surplus fund, the sum of six thousand dollars, which will enable us to keep the Schools open for perhaps nine months.

A number of the Schools did not open until some time after the 4th of September, because of the inability of the Board to secure Teachers.

We look upon the law as a good one, well adapted for the purpose designed, and, with a few amendments, all that we could wish it. In this opinion, so far as the people have become acquainted with it, in its letter and practice, I believe they will heartily concur. It has met with far greater favor than we had reason to expect.

In addition to the amendments which were suggested at the Convention of Commissioners, held in August last, the necessity of each one of which has forced itself daily and strongly on my notice, I would suggest, for the benefit of the counties possessed of permanent funds, such an amendment as will give some latitude in the investment of the principal. The Treasurer of our Board urges this, inasmuch as he has been unable to obtain the bonds of the State for the money in hand, unless by the payment of such prices as will make the investment ruinous to the fund. Many and safe opportunities offer to him which would yield from 7 to 10 per cent.

Our colored people are very desirous of further legislation in their behalf, and are waiting with eagerness for the establishment of Schools for their benefit.

My visits have carried me through all parts of the County, and I have found increasing zeal and hopefulness—a willingness on the part of the people to make some sacrifices for the advancement of the cause, and everywhere, with few exceptions, a healthy tone of feeling towards the new system.

I cannot conclude this brief report without reference to the most valuable and effective assistance rendered in your recent visit to this County. Your explanation of the law in all the parts of the County, has been attended with the most gratifying results. A clear view of the prominent features of the law, and a more general apprehension of the plans and purposes of the State Board, have been given the people, and have greatly encouraged and assisted the full and ready acceptance of the system, and made us many friends in parts of the County where we had reason to anticipate some difficulty.

I cannot help thanking you for giving so great an impetus to the work in our midst, and expressing the belief that much good will follow as a legitimate result of your visit.

I am, very respectfully,

THOS. A. BOULLT,
President of the Board for Washington Co.