

Fifteen scholars entitle the Teacher to seventy-five dollars per term, and for each additional scholar above fifteen, and less than thirty-five, the teacher receives one dollar and twenty-five cents per term. This rule was applicable to those holding either Grade of Certificate, and afforded an annual minimum salary of \$300, a maximum of \$400.

For the present, or Winter Term, we allow holders of Second Grade Certificates \$75 per term, as before, for the first fifteen scholars; one dollar and fifty cents per term for each scholar additional, up to twenty-five; \$1 per term for each additional, to thirty-five; and fifty cents per term for all above thirty-five, making an annual minimum salary of \$300, a maximum of \$460.

The holders of First Grade Certificates are entitled to \$90 per term for the first 15 pupils, and the same rates as for Second Grade Certificates for any number above 15, making an annual minimum salary of \$360, a maximum of \$520. The aggregate amount paid Teachers for salaries, to November 15, 1865, was \$780.01, for incidentals, \$82.10.

ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS.

Owing to the delay consequent upon the repair of School Houses, a majority of the Schools remained unorganized till near the end of the Fall Term; and the attendance was consequently very meagre, the whole number of girls being but 98, the boys 133, total, 231, an average number of 15 to each School in operation.

The deprivation of labor, consequent upon Emancipation, is plead by many, as an excuse for the detention of the child from School.

It is to be hoped that the Legislature may devise some remedy.

The adoption of the coercive provision proposed in your draft of the School Bill would be advisable.

The annexed table presents the average annual attendance and cost of Education from 1838 to 1865.

Years.	No. of Schools.	No. of Children Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Cost.	Cost. per Pupil.
1838—'53	21	305	200	\$2,002 10	\$9 94
1854—'60	12	309	273	3,320 00	12 56
1861—'62	20	528	344	5,698 62	16 62
1863—'65	20	499	280	6,295 17	19 44

In connection with the amendment above suggested, I beg leave to offer a list of others, of more or less importance, in giving increased efficiency to the Law.

1. Make the functions of the President of School Board distinct from those of the Commissioners.
2. Require the reading of the Scriptures by the Teacher.
3. Require the Schools to be kept open an *average* annual period of 6 hours—less in winter, more in summer.
4. Prohibit the use of School House for *political* meetings.
5. Secure the Schools the benefit of fines and forfeitures.