

FINANCES.

Amount paid for teachers' salaries.....	\$205,069	26
Text Books, Rent, Ground Rent, Repairs, Fuel and Incidentals.....	88,832	78
Total cost of Schools.....	293,902	04
Average cost of each School.....	3,342	06
Average annual Salary of each teacher including High Schools.....	498	95
Cost for ten months of each different pupil en- rolled.....	10	10
Cost for ten months of each average pupil.....	16	11

From this Summary, taken together with the State and County tables, a complete and accurate knowledge can be obtained not only of the extent, but of the detail of School work for each term, and for the whole year, in each Commissioner District and through the entire State. The figures ought to be studied closely by those who have to legislate for Schools, that they may comprehend the magnitude of the interests to be guarded and the resources needed.

Here the subject might be left, for no words can give emphasis to these figures or prove more conclusively than they what has been accomplished and what remains to be done.

Two facts must be apparent to every person who studies these statistics, 1st, that large results have been secured by very small means, the cost of instruction for each different child including all incidental expenses for fuel, repairs to furniture and slight repairs to houses, being only six dollars for the 9 1-10 school months or 66 cts. per month; 2d, that the salaries of teachers are not sufficient for their laborious work, nor liberal enough to secure that high order of teaching talent which is desirable and must be had, if the schools are to be made equal to the wishes of all classes of citizens. Though the administration of the schools has been economical, it is not commended solely on that account, for cheap schools are often the dearest; neither ought we to claim credit for the self-denying labor of the teachers, nor because money has been saved by depriving the schools of teaching facilities and apparatus, such as Blackboards, Maps and Charts for Object Lessons, and a few valuable books of reference for the teacher's desk.

The estimated revenue for the current school year will not be less than that of the last. Schools will therefore be open the same average period and teachers receive no addition to their salaries.

What the resources of next year will be, the General Assembly will determine. On this subject certain suggestions are made, based upon estimates of the whole wants of the Schools, including expenses of every kind, except building