

them with but two exceptions are preparing to become teachers and having signed an agreement to that effect, receive tuition and books free of cost; your Committee learn that the engagement to teach into which the free students of this school enter, is almost universally complied with, by those who have the necessary qualification and that there are three hundred and eighty-five of the former students of the State Normal School, now engaged as teachers in the various parts of the State.

Your Committee found the house very inconveniently crowded, there being three students on every seat, intended for two, in the Assembly Room, and the recitations rooms not being large enough to accomodate the classes and the necessary apparatus.

From what was learned at this visit, joined to previous study of the subject, your Committee have come to the conclusion that the Legislature of 1868, in making the State Normal School, an integral and essential part of the Public School system, acted with great good judgment and in accordance with the most advanced theories of public education.

The great want of our schools, has always been a supply of well trained teachers, and in order to provide such teachers, the Normal School must be continued and enlarged.

For this purpose, your Committee recommend that the annual appropriation of nine thousand five hundred dollars, be continued and that a sufficient sum be appropriated to erect a building large enough to accomodate the school comfortably, and that an additional sum of three thousand dollars, per annum, be appropriated for the rent of a building until the State can provide one.

Your Committee have learned that the building at present occupied by the school, cannot in all probability be rented longer than next July, and in view of the impossibility of finding any house already built possessing the necessary space and conveniences, your Committee would represent the necessity of taking such immediate action as will prevent the possibility of any interruption in the labors of this indispensable auxilliary to the Public School system.

All of which is submitted and your Committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

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Which was read.