

& I doubt, if it would ever have  
 been fairly open to us, but  
 for the trials through which  
 our dear friends have passed  
 so faithfully - their faithfulness  
 is surely turning to them as  
 a blessing from the Lord.  
 We have an interesting letter from  
 home today - he says "heavenly there  
 will be no misgivings about there not  
 being enough tools. More I strong as  
 Samson, wise as Solomon, meek  
 as Moses, patient as Job & loving as  
 Jesus I could find enough tools".  
 He finds too many small im-  
 perfect schools - he is under an  
 order consolidating them as far  
 as prudent. Some are "pretty good"  
 others "hard institutions". There  
 is much supplementary work  
 to be done - he finds the girls & boys  
 of some schools slaves to tobacco  
 & other mending soap & water body.

The teachers too need training  
 I on 7 days will collect  
 these in neighborhoods by turns  
 as well as he can & spend  
 the day in instructing them  
 in the art of teaching.  
 He is gradually & prudently  
 tightening up & systematizing  
 their loose way of conducting  
 schools. He is to open in the  
 2 or 3 mo<sup>s</sup> vacation a regular  
 normal school for all the  
 teachers of our associated  
 schools.  
 We have sent him forms so  
 that we hope soon to have  
 tabulated information. We  
 are anxious to issue a Report  
 to the several Y. Mps. - but con-  
 sidered to wait until we  
 had really accomplished some-  
 thing more than physical relief.  
 I think (wisely too) that if