Negro parents pay, besides which we have
the Freedmen's Bureau, Normal School, some physical
[illegible] collection, [illegible] teachers & the plan
being to render Schools to be in all 12 mos for the
next 12 mos, & 9 mos for the year after — when
we hope they will be able to sustain a 9 mos
school out of their own resources & the Freedmen
can assume the whole care & supervision.
It is true that we cannot yet boast of any great
advance that we could like to record —
we have repaired the Freedmen's houses, & we have
kept away the big school houses — in many
cases with dirt floors & no fires — we have
never failed to do so when we offered to
meet the cost. Indeed not describe some
of the Freedmen's houses to Yrs. Notwithstanding
they were built from 50 to 100 years ago, & they
are comfortable now.

The new Constitutions of the South are
providing for general education, but the Legisla-
tures are yet to meet — the Bills to be prepared
& taxes collected — & the teachers will generally
be very incompetent — In the meantime
the children of all classes are growing up in ignorance