

selves of it. Many not in profession with us, free from expenses of building, board, &c., gladly accept the terms of \$1 per month.

With few exceptions, the tuition of those not Friends, is deducted severally from the monthly salaries of the teachers, thus leaving it with them and the Committees to collect. This explains why my financial report to you shows so small an amount paid back into the fund as tuition. In a number of cases however of orphan children or others, not Friends, who could not pay, the fund has divided the loss with the teachers, or assumed it, and thus far none have, to my knowledge, been debarred on account of not being able to pay. Books are furnished to all at cost prices.

The largest number enrolled in any School was 158—the smallest 23. Average of the number enrolled, 59½. Daily average attendance of all the Schools, 30. Daily average for 15 of them, 40. The number enrolled in a School includes the number for the whole year. The great difference between this and the daily average, results partly from the fact that those who attend in the spring and early summer months are, to a great extent, a different set of pupils from those who attend in the winter, and partly from a habit, on the part of some, of irregular attendance.

The time of continuance of the Schools has been from 4 to 10 months. Average for all the Schools, 6 months. Average for 15 of the Schools, 7¼ months.

The average time would be greater were it not that in some neighborhoods the parents cannot spare a sufficient number of children during the working season to make a school, and in some instances the Schools could not open till late, from the houses not having been in readiness.

Since the inauguration of your work 12 first class new school houses have been built and 11 old ones have undergone extensive repairs; twenty-nine of the houses are furnished with new desks and black-boards, and a large proportion of them have Sheldon's Charts and Gnyott's or Mitchell's wall maps—a few have globes.

The teachers have shown an earnest devotion to the best interests of their pupils, and many of them have evinced a

decided aptness for teaching in the readiness with which they have accepted, and the success with which they have carried out the modern improvements in instructing and governing.

The general order of the Schools has been very good, and instances of resort to punishment have been unusually rare.

Care is taken to secure thoroughness in the primary branches. Besides the examinations that occur at the close of the Schools, their thoroughness is tested by reviews and occasional examinations during the term: and the children are not permitted to pass to a higher grade until they have worked their way up to it.

A marked air of neatness is observable in the school houses and about the grounds. One of the most encouraging features in connection with the work is the deep Christian interest manifested by the teachers in general for the moral and religious welfare of their pupils.

The Scriptures are daily used in the Schools, and some of the teachers have occasional tract readings with their children. Teachers and scholars attend mid-week meetings, except in some cases where they are too remote.

The greater part of my time is occupied in a personal inspection of the Schools (taking in course as many examinations as practicable) having interviews with teachers and committees, and holding general meetings on the subject of Education in the neighborhoods where the Schools are located.

All the Teachers make monthly Reports to my office of such statistical and other information as sets forth the condition of the Schools.

I have twice visited East Tennessee since last year's report. Each of the three Monthly Meetings there has a good school house. We had charge of two of the Schools a part of the past year, and this year all three of them are under our care and are already largely attended.

In the various departments of the work throughout the limits of the Yearly Meeting I have had the co-operation of Monthly Meeting Committees.

Our second Normal School was held at Deep River for eight weeks, from the middle of the sixth, to the middle of the eighth