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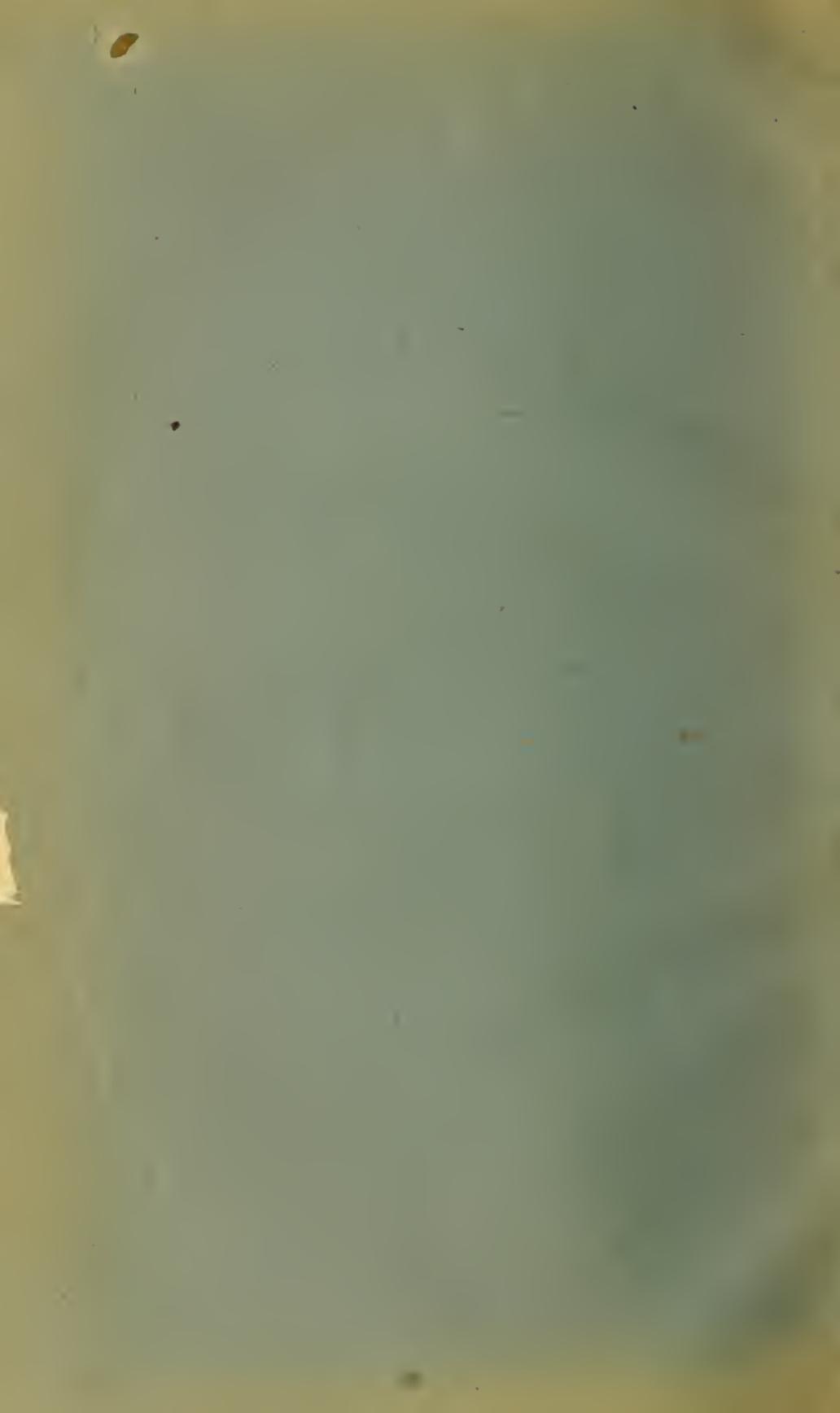
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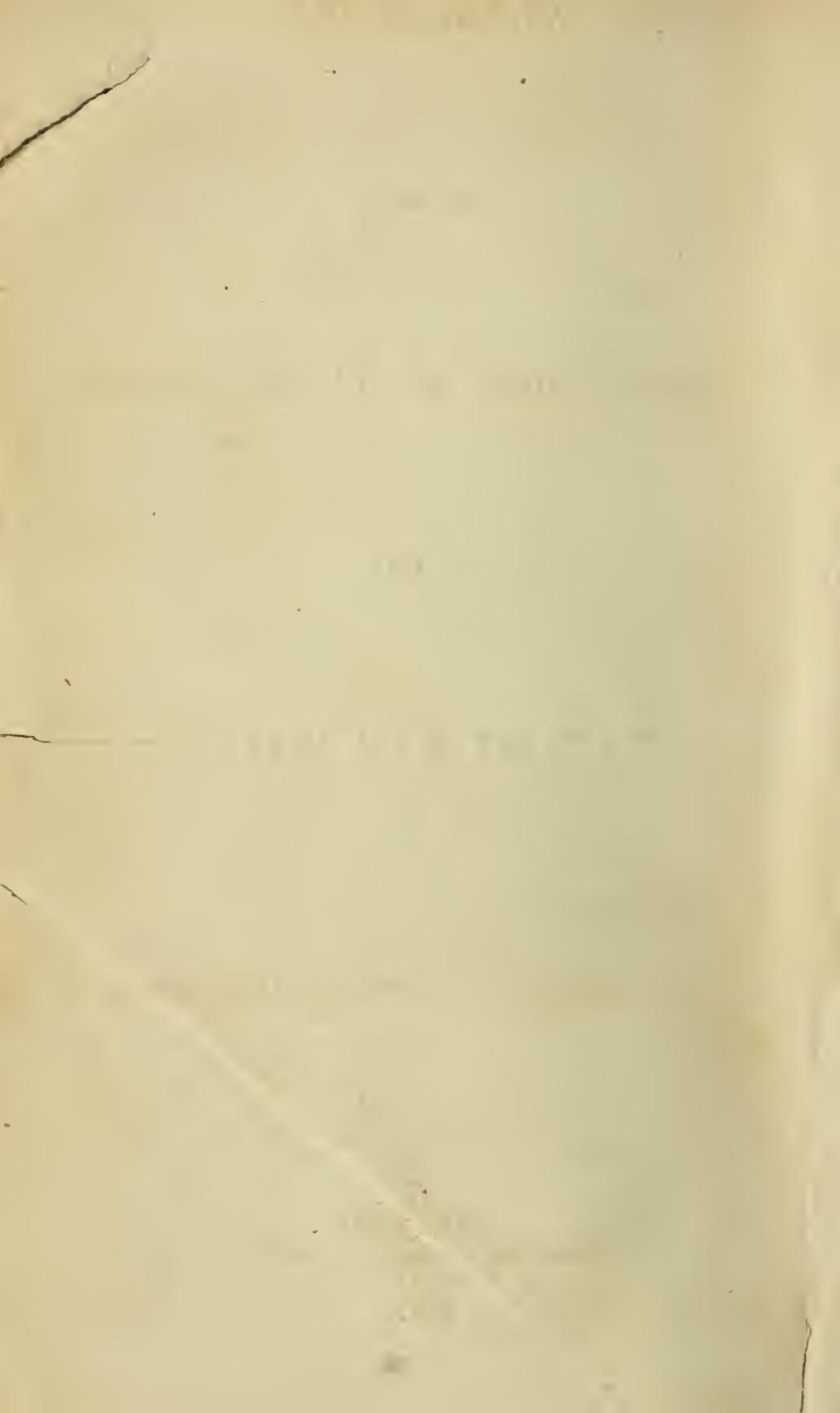
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the Legislature of the state of New Jersey :*

In obedience to the requirements of the 14th section of the "Act to establish public schools," passed April 17th, 1846, the following REPORT is respectfully submitted :

There are in the state one hundred and sixty-five townships, divided into about one thousand six hundred and thirty-four school districts.

In the last report it was stated that reports had been received from nine hundred and ninety-one districts, and one hundred and two townships, showing that six hundred and forty-three districts and fifty-nine townships were unreported. During the present year reports have been received from one thousand, two hundred and twenty-one districts, and from one hundred and thirty townships, leaving four hundred and thirteen districts and thirty-five townships unreported, being a gain of two hundred and thirty districts and twenty-eight townships.

From this it is evident that greater attention has been paid by the school officers to the performance of their duties ; but whether it is owing to the provisions of the new law, or an awakened public attention to the general subject of education, I shall not attempt to determine.

From the report of last year it appeared that out of nineteen counties, only one had been returned as having reports from all its townships.

From the present it appears that all the townships in six

counties have sent in their reports, being an increase of five counties, viz: Camden, Essex, Morris, Middlesex, Somerset and Passaic.

Judging from the opinions expressed in a majority of the reports received from the different townships, a favorable change has taken place in the condition of our schools, and also in public opinion with regard to a general school system. Still there are some who entertain and express objections, not only to the system, but to the manner in which it is administered. This could not have been expected otherwise. The prejudices of a community cannot immediately subside, nor can we expect them immediately to agree to, or fall in with, the workings of a system which is new to them in its provisions, and which has not been sufficiently tried in its operations; nor can we reasonably expect any system immediately to fulfil all its beneficial intentions. As well might we expect the sapling to bear abundant fruit, and destroy it because it did not. Cherish it, nourish it, foster it, until it comes to maturity, and if it then proves barren, hew it down and cast it in the fire, but not until then. Imperfect as the present system is, I believe, if faithfully executed, it will be attended with great benefit, and though it may fail to merit the praises of all, it will be found equally undeserving the censure which has been heaped upon it.

When it is recollected that the present law has not as yet gone into operation in all its provisions, I hope it will not be asking too much, both from the legislature and the community, to suspend their judgment for another year. Much of the dissatisfaction expressed arises from a want of information as to the intention or requirements of the law, and will be removed when that knowledge is acquired. I feel satisfied of this from the experience of the school officers in those townships where an attempt has been made honestly and fairly to test it upon its own merits. The school committee of Freehold remark: "We are persuaded that the present school law, as amended, will do very much to improve and elevate our schools. We think great good will grow out of the appointment of a State Superintendent; and we heartily wish our

county would avail itself of his valuable services. The substitution of the township superintendent for the school committee we think a desirable improvement."

The report from Frankfort, in the county of Sussex, reads thus: "Common schools have not been sustained as we could wish, but we now look forward to the time when greater interest will be manifested, as we think great advantages will grow out of the operations of the new school law."

One report reads: "An unequal and unjust distribution of the public money by trustees in some places, and the difficulty, and in some instances the impossibility, of getting it out of the hands of some who are unwilling or unable to account for it, has heretofore caused considerable complaint and dissatisfaction. This evil, or cause of complaint, will be removed by the provisions of the present law, and prevent the trustees from making use of the money for their own private purposes."

The school committee of Rockaway township say: "In conclusion, the committee hope and expect much from the future operations of the school law of April last, and trust that another year may present them with county examiners, and believe that the faithful execution of the act, with such additions as experience shall dictate, will elevate the standard of common schools, and promote the cause of education throughout the state."

A report from Morristown states: "We regard the present school law as a decided improvement in many respects, and confidently anticipate great benefit from its operations."

The school committee of Bethlehem state: "At first there was great opposition to the new law, but as the people became better acquainted with it, they are better satisfied."

Another report says: "Opposition to the new law arises, in many instances, from trustees who were accustomed to draw the money and keep it. The new law completely cuts that business off. Their opposition will soon cease."

The school committee of the township of Monroe state "They take great pleasure in stating that the schools in this township are in a very prosperous condition; that the new law

has given a fresh impulse to them ; that the plan of a town superintendent visiting them once a quarter has a happy effect. The trustees are becoming more engaged in the work by reason thereof. We think we have just reason now to boast of some of our districts, particularly No. 1, where, in a *common district school*, we have our children fitted and prepared for college."

Similar extracts could be made from over seventy of the reports, but many of them express an opinion too flattering to the Superintendent for him to introduce, and it would swell this report beyond its proper limits ; they are therefore omitted.

#### WANT OF QUALIFIED TEACHERS, AND EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

The burthen of almost every report is, "the want of properly qualified teachers." It is by no means intended to assert that all the teachers in our district schools are unqualified, but that too many are. It affords me great satisfaction to state, that in many of the districts which I have visited, I have found teachers qualified in every respect—men who would do credit to any profession, or any station in life—men endowed with a proper sense of their high and honorable calling, anxious to do their duty, not for the sake of the pittance allowed, but from a consciousness that to their care was committed the formation of the young and plastic mind of childhood, and the formation of those principles of morality, which are the proper groundwork for all systems of education and for future usefulness. Such men, wherever found, cannot be too highly appreciated, nor too long retained ; but alas, they are few.

We have also in our schools some well informed female teachers ; and I would suggest to the trustees the propriety of employing them, when practicable, for many of the smaller schools ; they will be found as well qualified, in point of intelligence, and frequently excelling in a capacity to impart instruction and to govern a school.

Some objections have been made to the examination of teachers, but I think unwisely. If the duty is judiciously per-

formed by the examiners and town superintendents, I feel confident that not only the teachers themselves, but the community will be satisfied; at all events, I have heard of no objection being made by a *qualified* teacher; the *unqualified* doubtless will. By the present law it is intended to admit only such teachers as are duly qualified, leaving to the residue "the world before them where to choose." When we speak of qualified teachers, we allude not only to the mental, but moral qualifications. To entitle a man to enter upon the responsible office of a teacher, he should not only be possessed of the requisite literary qualifications, but possess an irreproachable moral character. Too much attention has hitherto been bestowed upon the former, to the almost entire disregard of the latter. This should not be so. The men to whose care we commit our children in the tender age of childhood, when both head and heart receive their first and perhaps lasting impressions, should themselves be pure—should not only point out the path of duty, but walk therein themselves—should serve as guides, counsellors and friends. It is a mistaken notion that instruction is only communicated by words. Every act of a teacher is a lesson. The angry voice, the threatening brow, the impatient temper; the lewd look, or the lascivious manner of a teacher, do not indeed speak, but they make an impression which time may not easily efface. The very breath of the drunkard teaches. How necessary then to select "properly qualified teachers" for our schools. At the same time, however, whilst we have a right, and it is our duty scrupulously to examine into the moral character, we have no right, and certainly no intention, to interfere with his religious views.

At the present time it is impossible to have any fixed standard for the qualification of teachers; all this must necessarily be left to the discretion of the examiners. In those sections of our state where the population is small and scattered the standard of "competency" will consequently be low; but it should and will advance with the increase of population and the ability of the inhabitants; but in other townships where the scholars are more numerous, and the means to pay teachers greater,

the number of applicants will of course increase and the standard should be raised accordingly. With a view to remedy this difficulty, I would call the attention of the legislature, and of the citizens generally, to the establishment of a state Normal school at some future, but not far distant day.

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITORS AND EXAMINERS.

Although section eighth of the school law makes it the *duty* of the boards of chosen freeholders of the several counties to appoint examiners and visitors, I regret to state that little attention has been paid to it. If these boards would appoint examiners in their several counties, and select men both competent and willing to perform the duties of the office, the result would be satisfactory to all; it would lay the foundation for a correct system of instruction; it would soon exclude from our schools those "blind guides," who, though groping in darkness and ignorance, have not hesitated to offer themselves as proper persons to light the way to science and to virtue; it would exclude the incompetent and immoral, and open the way, at no distant period, for a class of teachers such as Jersey children should have and Jersey parents procure—for such teachers as they would have their children resemble—for it is an axiom, "that as is the teacher so is the school." A preceptor, in the language of a celebrated writer, "is invested with the rights, and takes upon himself the obligations both of father and mother;" and when we consider the early age at which children enter into our schools, and the portion of their lives spent there, it will be evident that too much attention cannot be given to the selection of our school teachers. I do sincerely hope, that whatever objections have existed, or may yet exist, against the examination of teachers, the community will give it a fair trial, and let the experiment be judged by the result—the tree by the fruit it shall bear. This is a reasonable request, and I know that Jerseymen are too just to condemn unheard and untried.

By section fourteenth it is made the duty of the Superintendent "to suggest, from experience, such alterations or amendments in the school law as may be required." In com-

pliance with the above, it might be thought necessary that I should point out the deficiencies of the present law, and suggest the remedy. Fully aware of the objections made in different parts of the state to the law as it is, and sensible myself of its defects, I still recommend that no essential alteration be made during the present session, and this with no view of interfering with the wishes of any portion of the community, but in order to allow time to test the principles involved, viz: supervision and accountability; to give the people an opportunity to consider and reflect, so that when they object to the present system they may have another to offer in its place, one which in its provisions may be applicable to the various interests of the several counties. The work of reform is ever dangerous, and, to be successful, should be carried on with caution, with a due regard to the wishes, the wants and even the prejudices of the community. In the present awakened and excited state of public opinion upon this subject, men are every where pressing forward, with views as diversified, contradictory and inharmounious as can well be imagined. Each one has his system, precisely calculated to suit his own views and neighborhood, but not the *state*. No two are alike. There appears to be no cooperation, no comparing of opinions with a view to the formation of *one* great and pervading plan, which shall be adapted to, and extend over the whole state, providing for the wants, meeting the wishes, and securing the rights of all. If, then, under such circumstances, we should attempt to alter or amend, the result, it is much to be feared, will be a mixture of the useful with the injurious—a combination of the new cloth with the old garment.

#### VISIT TO THE INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

During the past summer I received an invitation from the directors of the institution for the blind, in the city of New York, where the state of New Jersey maintains fifteen pupils, to attend officially the annual examination of the pupils. It affords me great satisfaction to bear testimony to the very faithful manner in which the officers of that institution perform

their duty, and the care and anxiety with which the managers watch over the interests of the institution, the comfort and welfare of the pupils. At the examination, which was conducted by gentlemen unconnected with the institution, selected by the managers, that the whole should be impartially conducted, I witnessed, with surprise, proofs of the proficiency of those blind children which would have done credit to children of greater age, although blessed with sight, affording a proof that though "knowledge from one entrance might be shut out," the other avenues were open, and that learning had found entrance there, and felt herself at home. The pupils are instructed not only in the simple rudiments of learning, but in the higher branches, displaying a creditable knowledge of chemistry, astronomy, philosophy and mathematics. They are also instructed in the science of music, in which many of them are proficient. And I know not when I have been more pleased than when the sweet voices of those blind children broke unexpectedly upon my ear, chaunting a hymn of praise to "Him who ruleth and reigneth." Great attention is also paid by the superintendent, Mr. Chamberlain, to the moral instruction of those committed to his care. He treats them as children of one family, upon whom God has laid his afflicting hand, and who are, therefore, entitled to an extra share of kindness and attention. I examined their sleeping apartments, and their dining room, and was present when they partook of their meals. Every thing evinced care, and the spirit of order and neatness every where prevailed. Upon inquiry of those from this state, I found them highly pleased with their situation and with the attention they received. The institution I think every way deserving of patronage.

#### LAWS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

In compliance with the requisitions of the act, the Superintendent prepared forms and regulations for making out reports and conducting all proceedings prescribed by law, together with a copy of the act in relation thereto, with such instructions as were thought necessary. A copy of the pamphlet was sent

by mail, directed to the school committee of each and every township in the state, and the Secretary of State informs me that he caused blank forms, sufficient for two years, to be sent to the different towns. Many of these have not been received, but the fault does not lie with this department. The Superintendent had no means of ascertaining the names or residence of the different school officers, and consequently caused the books to be directed to the "school committee" of the several townships, with a request to the postmaster to hand them to the proper persons.

The Superintendent would be doing injustice to his feelings, were he to refrain from expressing his thanks to the inhabitants of the different townships which he has officially visited, for their hospitable treatment, and also for the very candid manner in which they have stated their objections to the law, and the readiness with which they received the explanations, and at the satisfaction expressed by them with the general views entertained by him.

He would also express his obligation to the directors of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, who gave him a free passage over their road, whenever engaged in the discharge of his official duty.

In conclusion, I think we have every reason to be satisfied with the progress now making, not that anything peculiarly striking has been effected, but that the people have awakened to a sense of the importance of educating all the children within the borders of the state; and, confidently trusting in the sense and justice of Jersey men, I think that is gaining much. When the experience of another year shall enable us to say what alterations in our school system is needed, I feel assured that the people will then be ready to receive one, perfect, as far as may be in itself, guarding the rights of all, meeting the wants of all, respecting even the prejudices of all.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. F. KING.

PERTH AMBOY, January, 1847.



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STATEMENTS

ACCOMPANYING THE

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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## STATEMENT A.

AN ABSTRACT from the returns of the Public Schools of the several townships and counties of the state of New Jersey, for the year ending December, 1846.

COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS FROM WHICH RETURNS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.	Whole number of districts and parts of districts in the township.	Number of districts from which returns have been received.	Number of children residing therein, between the ages of five and sixteen, as stated in said reports.	Number taught during the year.	Average number of months school has been kept open.	Average price of tuition per quarter, for each scholar.	Amount of money received from township collectors.
HUNTERDON,	Anwells, . . . . .	10	327	217	9	\$2 00	\$321 39
	Bethlehem, . . . . .	18	794	287	10	2 00	660 28
	Delaware, . . . . .	13	694	510	9	2 00	617 66
	Hopewell, . . . . .	....	....	....	..	..	....
	Alexandria, . . . . .	20	1,016	400	..	2 00	713 34
	Franklin, . . . . .	10	337	252	9	2 00	116 70
	Clinton, . . . . .	....	....	....	..	..	....
	Kingwood, . . . . .	10	485	263	5	2 00	145 50
	Lebanon, . . . . .	10	625	250	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 00	249 02
	Raritan, . . . . .	15	678	496	8	2 00	1,069 40
	Readington, . . . . .	13	689	268	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 00	596 19
Tewksbury, . . . . .	11	595	297	8	2 00	426 15	
	130	128	6,240	2,840	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$2 00	\$4,955 63

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ATLANTIC, - - -	{ Egg Harbor, - - -	8	894	406	7	\$2 16	\$448 50
	{ Galloway, - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Hamilton, - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Mullica, - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Weymouth, - - -	5	349	107	1½	2 00	150 00
	13	1,243	513	4½	\$2 08	\$598 50	
SALEM, - - -	{ Elsinborough, - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Lower Alloway's Creek, - - -	7	428	385	9	\$2 00	\$466 00
	{ Lower Penn's Neck, - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Mannington, - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Pilesgrove, - - -	8	852	745	9	1 75	670 59
	{ Pittsgrove, - - -	9	466	202	4	2 00	520 92
	{ Salem, - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Upper Penn's Neck, - - -	9	732	490	7	2 25	....
	{ Upper Alloway's Creek, - - -	10	756	431	9	1 51	816 77
		43	3,234	2,253	9¼	\$1 90	\$2,474 28

CAMDEN,	Camden, - - - - -	3	3	800	200	9	..	....	....
	Delaware, - - - - -	9	9	684	549	9	\$2	06	\$780
	Gloucester, - - - - -	12	12	863	297	10	2	25	817
	Newton, - - - - -	9	9	458	368	8	2	57	1,118
	Waterford, - - - - -	6	6	405	180	6	2	30	263
	Washington, - - - - -	8	8	474	297	6	2	00	302
	Winslow, - - - - -	7	4	397	80	8	2	00	307
	Union, - - - - -	5	5	503	150	6	2	50	96
		59	56	4,584	2,121	6½	\$2	24	\$3,689
									88
ESSEX,	Belleville, - - - - -	5	5	702	150	10	..	....	\$244
	Bloomfield, - - - - -	7	7	783	400	9	\$2	00	299
	Caldwell, - - - - -	8	8	641	298	..	2	00	120
	Clinton, - - - - -	7	7	448	183	7	2	00	312
	Elizabeth, - - - - -	5	5	1,066	725	8	1	70	226
	Livingston, - - - - -	5	5	333	166	9	2	00	153
	Newark, - - - - -	9	9	4,467	3,585	9	FREE.		4,000
	New Providence, - - - - -	6	6	233	124	6	2	00	119
	Orange, - - - - -	12	12	982	331	9	2	00	176
	Rahway, - - - - -	9	9	694	213	7½	2	00	152
Springfield, - - - - -	9	9	443	200	11	2	00	244	
Union, - - - - -	8	8	289	135	6	1	95	102	
Westfield, - - - - -	10	10	862	397	10	2	25	476	
	100	100	11,943	6,907	8½	\$2	02	\$6,638	
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CAPE MAY, -	{ Dennis, - - - -	..	...	...	..	..	...
	{ Lower Township, -	..	...	...	..	..	...
	{ Middle Township, -	6	531	373	5½	\$2 00	\$598 44
	{ Upper Township, -	8	420	300	7	2 25	450 77
	14	14	951	673	6¼	\$2 12½	\$1,049 21
MERCER, - -	{ East Windsor, -	11	698	293	9	\$2 00	\$473 29
	{ Ewing, - - - -	4	269	85	10½	2 00	108 43
	{ Hamilton, - - - -	8	722	463	10	2 00	699 31
	{ Nottingham, - - -	1	703	300	12	FREE.	869 89
	{ Lawrence, - - - -	8	483	238	11	2 04	358 33
	{ Princeton, - - - -	6	545	121	8	..	607 00
	{ Trenton, - - - -	..	...	...	..	..	...
	{ West Windsor, - - -	..	...	...	..	..	...
	{ Hopewell, - - - -	16	778	257	9	2 04	306 54
		54	52	4,198	1,757	9½	\$2 01

BURLINGTON,	{ Chesterfield, - - -	4	4	900	638	10½	\$2 31	\$1,219 20
	{ Chester, - - -	15	10	761	582	9½	2 16	674 20
	{ Burlington, - - -	5	5	880	442	10	1 70	913 38
	{ Evesham, - - -	..	..	....	....	..	.. ....	.... ..
	{ Little Egg Harbor, -	8	8	600	572	7	2 00	456 15
	{ Mansfield, - - -	10	10	870	463	8	2 00	591 99
	{ New Hanover, - - -	9	9	999	576	10½	2 25	983 63
	{ Northampton, - - -	10	10	1,061	609	10½	2 49	1,114 05
	{ Southampton, - - -	..	..	....	....	..	.. ....	.... ..
	{ Springfield, - - -	6	6	485	402	10	2 12	899 50
	{ Washington, - - -	..	..	....	....	..	.. ....	.... ..
	{ Willingborough, - - -	..	..	....	....	..	.. ....	.... ..
	{ Pemberton, - - -	7	7	582	283	6	2 00	323 89
		74	7,138	4,567	9¼	\$2 11	\$7,176 99	
MIDDLESEX, -	{ Monroe, - - -	13	13	819	600	10	\$2 00	\$908 52
	{ North Brunswick, -	12	12	1,615	850	10	2 04	808 70
	{ Perth Amboy, - - -	1	1	....	124	..	.. ....	514 00
	{ South Amboy, - - -	10	10	576	356	..	2 00	151 85
	{ Piscataway, - - -	13	13	764	316	9	2 00	1,003 61
	{ South Brunswick, -	17	17	949	631	8	2 00	480 31
	{ Woodbridge, - - -	18	18	1,313	612	9	2 00	733 60
			84	6,036	3,489	9¼	\$2 00	\$4,700 59

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SOMERSET, -	{ Bedminster, - - -	10	451	229	9	\$2 00	...
	{ Bernards, - - -	11	589	359	..	2 00	\$218 35
	{ Bridgewater, - - -	10	948	518	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 00	1,077 18
	{ Franklin, - - -	16	1,001	500	9	2 00	...
	{ Hillsborough, - - -	16	930	607	8	1 82	930 00
	{ Montgomery, - - -	9	420	280	5	2 49	536 93
	{ Warren, - - -	11	527	250	8	2 00	458 56
	83	77	4,866	2,743	8	\$2 04	\$3,221 02
GLOUCESTER,	{ Greenwich, - - -	11	817	552	10	\$2 50	\$652 41
	{ Franklin, - - -	12	745	...	..	..	435 53
	{ Deptford, - - -	...	...	...	..	..	...
	{ Harrison, - - -	11	501	402	7	2 25	568 31
	{ Woolwich, - - -	12	839	793	9	2 00	229 47
	{ Spicer, - - -	...	...	...	..	..	...
		46	46	2,902	1,747	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$2 25

MORRIS,	{ Chatham, - - - -	8	597	302	10	\$2 00	\$371 87	
	{ Chester, - - - -	8	373	220	7	2 00	489 65	
	{ Hanover, - - - -	17	997	555	9	1 77	994 10	
	{ Jefferson, - - - -	9	395	162	7	2 00	252 88	
	{ Mendham, - - - -	9	409	222	6½	1 85	288 73	
	{ Morris, - - - -	18	1,184	557	..	2 18	1,918 08	
	{ Pequannock, - - - -	15	1,081	408	9	1 67	860 77	
	{ Randolph, - - - -	8	600	228	8	1 75	536 85	
	{ Roxbury, - - - -	14	612	512	9½	2 00	704 94	
	{ Rockaway, - - - -	12	888	317	6	1 75	724 99	
	{ Washington, - - - -	15	738	394	6	2 00	482 49	
		133	7,874	3,877	8	\$1 90	\$7,627 86	
	WARREN,	{ Blairstown, - - - -	7	402	203	6	\$2 00	\$319 88
		{ Franklin, - - - -	6	430	161	6	2 00	318 57
		{ Greenwich, - - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
{ Hardwick, - - - -		7	431	311	7½	1 50	127 91	
{ Harmony, - - - -		10	450	221	7	2 00	367 31	
{ Hope, - - - -		12	533	353	6½	2 00	306 80	
{ Independence, - - - -		12	701	254	10	2 00	....	
{ Knowlton, - - - -		6	387	244	10	2 00	247 80	
{ Mansfield, - - - -		....	....	....	..	..	....	
{ Oxford, - - - -		....	....	....	..	..	....	
{ Pahaquary, - - - -		4	155	103	6	2 00	72 50	
		64	3,492	1,850	7	\$1 93	\$1,760 77	

## COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS

FROM WHICH RETURNS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

	Whole number of dis- tricts and parts of dis- tricts in the township.	Number of districts from which returns have been received.	Number of children re- siding therein, between the ages of five and six- teen, as stated in said reports.	Number taught during the year.	Average number of months school has been kept open.	Average price of tuition per quarter, for each scholar.	Amount of money re- ceived from township collectors.
MONMOUTH, -	Dover, - - - - -	12	1,083	365	8	\$2 00	\$563 16
	Freehold, - - - - -	24	1,578	802	9½	2 00	487 41
	Howell, - - - - -	20	1,520	628	8	2 00	336 81
	Jackson, - - - - -	....	.....	....	..	....	....
	Middletown, - - - - -	21	1,909	1,044	..	2 00	1,999 33
	Millstone, - - - - -	9	444	361	7	2 00	271 02
	Plumsted, - - - - -	3	378	280	8	2 00	504 18
	Stafford, - - - - -	9	698	390	7	2 00	317 56
	Shrewsbury, - - - - -	18	1,873	658	9	2 00	1,859 35
	Upper Freehold, - - - - -	....	....	....	..	....	.....
	116	113	9,483	4,528	8	\$2 00	\$6,338 32
PASSAIC, - - - - -	Acquackanonek, - - - - -	6	612	400	10	\$1 75	\$135 76
	Manchester, - - - - -	9	944	300	9	2 00	144 33
	Paterson, - - - - -	1	....	331	..	FREE.	764 09
	Pompton, - - - - -	7	451	167	..	1 50	256 85
	West Milford, - - - - -	12	12	692	166	..	1 80
	35	33	2,699	1,364	9½	\$1 76	\$1,649 07

BERGEN,	Franklin, - - -	18	1,266	511	10	\$1 42	\$792 66
	Hackensack, - - -	18	1,209	459	11	1 37	467 99
	Harrington, - - -	7	261	124	10	1 50	151 38
	Lodi, - - -	5	172	116	7	1 90	65 50
	New Barbadoes, - - -	8	480	279	12	2 00	110 63
	Saddle River, - - -	..	....	....	....	.. ....	.... ....
	Washington, - - -	6	418	222	10	1 50	186 79
		62	3,806	1,711	10	\$1 61	\$1,774 95
SUSSEX,	Byram, . . . . .	7	484	349	7½	\$2 00	\$336 30
	Frankford, . . . . .	11	635	270	9½	2 00	300 00
	Green, . . . . .	....	....	....	....	.. ....	.... ....
	Hardyston, . . . . .	9	465	232	9	2 00	232 50
	Lafayette, . . . . .	8	396	195	9	2 00	185 15
	Montague, . . . . .	8	339	280	9	1 75	362 77
	Newton, . . . . .	12	881	627	9	2 77	521 19
	Sandyston, . . . . .	10	440	190	9½	1 58	208 09
	Sparta, . . . . .	11	645	321	....	.. ....	276 45
	Vernon, . . . . .	....	....	....	....	.. ....	.... ....
	Wantage, . . . . .	24	1,228	583	....	.. ....	1,227 68
	Walpack, . . . . .	....	....	....	....	.. ....	.... ....
		100	5,513	3,047	7¾	\$2 05	\$3,650 13

COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS

FROM WHICH RETURNS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

	Whole number of districts and parts of districts in the township.	Number of districts from which returns have been received.	Number of children residing therein, between the ages of five and sixteen, as stated in said reports.	Number taught during the year.	Average number of months school has been kept open.	Average price of tuition per quarter, for each scholar.	Amount of money received from township collectors.
CUMBERLAND,	{ Bridgeton, - - - - -	3	547	350	8	\$1 50	\$659 40
	{ Deerfield, - - - - -	4	....	....	..	..	407 94
	{ Downe, - - - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Fairfield, - - - - -	4	630	437	5	2 25	755 99
	{ Greenwich, - - - - -	1	300	225	10	2 50	330 00
	{ Hopewell, - - - - -	10	626	574	8½	2 08	891 48
	{ Maurice River, - - - - -	7	800	611	6	2 00	637 56
	{ Millville, - - - - -	7	603	498	8	2 00	1,067 31
	{ Stoe Creek, - - - - -	5	298	258	9	2 05	225 09
		41	41	3,804	2,953	7½	\$2 05
HUDSON,	{ Bergen, - - - - -	5	549	289	9	..	\$263 23
	{ Harrison, - - - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ North Bergen, - - - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	{ Jersey City, - - - - -	1	875	518	10	FREE.	138 76
	{ Van Vorst, - - - - -	..	....	....	..	..	....
	6	6	1,424	807	9½	..	\$401 99

STATEMENT B.

SUMMARY of the preceding abstract, exhibiting the results in counties for the year ending

December, 1846.

COUNTIES.	Number of townships in each county which have made returns.	Whole number of districts in the townships which have made returns.	Number of districts from which returns have been received.	Number of children between the ages of five and sixteen, residing therein, as stated in said returns.	Number of children taught during the year, as stated in said returns.	Average number of months in the year the schools have been kept open.	Average price of tuition per quarter, for each scholar.	Amount of money received from township collectors.
Atlantic,	2	13	13	1,243	513	4½	\$2 08	\$598 50
Bergen, -	6	62	62	3,806	1,711	10	1 61	1,774 95
Burlington,	9	74	69	7,138	4,567	9½	2 11	7,176 99
Camden,	8	59	56	4,584	2,121	6½	2 24	3,689 88
Cape May,	2	14	14	951	673	6½	2 12	1,049 21
Cumberland,	8	41	41	3,804	2,953	7½	2 05	4,974 67
Essex, -	13	100	100	11,943	6,907	8½	2 02	6,638 44
Gloucester,	4	46	46	2,902	1,747	8½	2 25	1,885 72
Hudson, -	2	6	6	1,424	807	9½	FREE.	401 99
Hunterdon,	10	130	128	6,240	3,240	7½	2 00	4,915 63
Mercer, -	7	54	52	4,198	1,757	9½	2 01	3,412 79

## STATEMENT B.—CONTINUED.

COUNTIES.	Number of townships in each county which have made returns.	Whole number of districts in the townships which have made returns.	Number of districts from which returns have been received.	Number of children between the ages of five and sixteen, residing therein, as stated in said returns.	Number of children taught during the year, as stated in said returns.	Average number of months in the year the schools have been kept open.	Average price of tuition per quarter, for each scholar.	Amount of money received from township collectors.
Middlesex,	7	84	84	6,036	3,489	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$2 00	\$4,700 59
Monmouth,	8	116	113	9,483	4,528	8	2 00	6,338 32
Morris,	11	133	132	7,874	3,877	8	1 90	7,627 86
Passaic,	5	35	33	2,699	1,364	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 76	1,649 07
Salem,	4	43	43	3,234	2,253	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 90	2,474 28
Somerset,	7	83	77	4,866	2,743	8	2 04	3,221 02
Sussex,	9	100	88	5,513	3,047	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 05	3,650 13
Warren,	8	64	64	3,492	1,850	7	1 93	1,760 77
	130	1,257	1,221	91,430	50,147	8 $\frac{1}{8}$	\$1 89 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$67,940 81

## STATEMENT C.

*Townships from which no returns have been received.*

ATLANTIC—Galloway, Hamilton, Mullica.

BERGEN—Saddle River.

BURLINGTON—Evesham, Southampton, Washington, Wil-  
lingborough.

CAPE MAY—Dennis, Lower Township.

CUMBERLAND—Downe.

HUDSON—Harrison, North Bergen.

HUNTERDON—Clinton, Hopewell.

GLOUCESTER—Deptford, Spicer.

MERCER—Trenton, West Windsor.

MONMOUTH—Jackson.

SALEM—Elsinborough, Lower Penn's Neck, Mannington,  
Salem.

SUSSEX—Green, Vernon, Walpack.

WARREN—Greenwich, Mansfield, Oxford.

## STATEMENT D.

*Townships from which no returns have been received for two years.*

ATLANTIC—Galloway, Hamilton, Mullica.

BERGEN—Saddle River.

BURLINGTON—Evesham, Southampton, Washington, Wil-  
lingborough.

CAPE MAY—Dennis, Lower Township.

CUMBERLAND—Downe.

HUDSON—Harrison, North Bergen.

HUNTERDON—Clinton.

MERCER—Trenton.

MONMOUTH—Jackson.

SALEM—Elsinborough, Mannington.

SUSSEX—Green, Walpack.

WARREN—Mansfield.

## STATEMENT E.

*Counties from which all the Townships have sent in their reports.*

CAMDEN, ESSEX, MORRIS, MIDDLESEX, PASSAIC,  
SOMERSET.

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ACCOUNT CURRENT AND BALANCE SHEET

OF THE

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL FUND.

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**Dr.***STACY A. PAXSON, Treasurer, in*

1846.		Dolls.	Cts.
Jan. 23,	To balance of fund, per settlement by committee this day,	23,351.38	
" 30,	Received of Belvidere Bank, tax on capital, it being greater than was charged 1st Jan. last,	8.10	
	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	210.00	
	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	120.00	
	Farmers' Bank of New Jersey, tax on capital stock, for 1845,	500.00	
	New Hope Delaware Bridge Company, tax on capital stock for 1845,	420.10	
	Township of Paterson, interest on bond,	117.60	
	Plainfield Bank, tax on capital stock, for 1845,	250.00	
	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	25.00	
Feb. 4,	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	420.00	
" 12,	Trenton Banking Company, semi-annual dividend on one hundred and fifty-nine shares capital stock, being the eighty-first dividend,	159.00	
	Belvidere Bank, balance of tax on capital, for 1845,	100.00	
	Burlington County Bank, at Medford, tax on capital,	350.00	

*account with the New Jersey School Fund.***Cr.**

1846.		Dolls.	Cts.
Feb.	13, Paid R. P. Thompson, late attorney general, fees in case of foreclosures,	40.00	
"	14, Loan on bond and mortgage,	3,000.00	
"	16, R. P. Thompson, Esq., late attorney general, taxed bill of costs on foreclosures of sundry mortgages for Paterson land,	191.52	
March	17, R. H. Shreve, Esq., clerk of Mercer, for recording mortgage,	50	
"	25, Phillips & Boswell, printing school blanks for trustees,	21.00	
"	28, Abraham Browning, Esq., attorney general, for drawing annual school report, clerk hire, and professional services relating to said fund,	100.00	
April	3, Isaac Van Wagenen and John C. Smallwood, Esqrs., for their attendance at Trenton, as Trustees of School Fund,	12.00	
		<hr/>	3,365.02

**Dr.****STACY A. PAXSON, Treasurer, in**

1846.		Dolls.	Cts.
Feb.	12, Received of Mechanics' Bank, at Burlington, tax on capital stock,	250.00	
	State Bank, at Camden, tax on capital stock,	1,300.00	
	Cumberland Bank, tax on capital stock,	260.25	
	Salem Banking Company, tax on capital stock,	375.00	
	People's Bank at Paterson, tax on capital stock,	375.00	
"	13, Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, Middletown Point, tax on capital stock,	125.00	
	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	22.50	
"	16, Interest on bonds and mortgages,	540.00	
March	4, Interest on bonds and mortgages,	240.00	
"	23, On account of principal on bonds for Paterson lands,	361.73	
"	25, Interest on bonds and mortgages,	60.00	
"	27, Newark City, one year's interest on bond,	500.00	
	Morris and Essex Railroad Co., semi-annual interest on \$30,000 loan,	900.00	
"	28, Interest on bond and mortgage,	120.00	
April	3, D. Ryerson, collector of Sussex county, interest on bond,	400.00	

*account with the New Jersey School Fund.*

**Cr.**

1846.

Dolls. Cts.

Amount brought forward, 3,365.02

**Dr.***STACY A. PAXSON, Treasurer, in*

1846.		Dolls. Cts.
April 4,	Received interest on bond and mortgage,	36.00
	New Jersey Railroad Co., six months' interest on loan, due 3d instant,	3,000.00
	New Jersey Railroad Co., semi-annual dividend on stock,	500.00
		----- 35,396.66
" 7,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	588.00
" 8,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	144.00
	On account of principal on bond and mortgage,	200.00
	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	120.00
" 16,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	600.00
" 18,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	100.00
" 20,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	120.00
" 22,	On account of principal on bond and mortgage,	500.00
" 25,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	120.00
" 28,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	186.00
May 2,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	85.49
	On account of principal on bond and mortgage,	6,000.00

*account with the New Jersey School Fund.***Cr.**

1846.		Dolls.	Cts.
	Amount brought forward,		3,365.02
April 27,	Paid Essex county, amount of appropriation for support of free schools,	2,664.00	
	Morris county, do.	2,352.00	
" 28,	Burlington county, do.	2,857.50	
	Camden county, do.	1,162.50	
" 29,	Hunterdon county, do.	2,326.50	
	Gloucester county, do.	1,021.50	
May 2,	Hudson county, do.	615.00	
" 4,	Cumberland county, do.	1,189.50	
	Passaic county, do.	768.00	
	Sussex county, do.	1,518.75	
" 11,	Monmouth county, do.	2,793.00	
" 12,	Mercer county, do.	1,710.00	
	Salem county, do.	1,617.00	
" 15,	Middlesex county, do.	2,049.00	
" 19,	Warren county, do.	1,638.75	
" 23,	Bergen county, do.	1,000.50	
" 29,	Loaned on bond and mortgage,	2,500.00	
June 3,	Do. do. do.	3,500.00	
" 8,	Somerset county, amount of appropriation for support of free schools,	1,882.50	
" 22,	Nathaniel Lane, sheriff of Passaic, cost in sundry suits in Chancery, for Paterson lands,	101.02	
July 13,	Cape May county, amount of appropriation for support of free schools,	484.50	
" 14,	Loan on bond and mortgage,	4,500.00	
			<u>40,251.52</u>
			<u>43,616.54</u>

**Dr.****STACY A. PAXSON, Treasurer, in**

1846.		Dolls.	Cts.
May 4,	Received principal and interest on bond for Paterson lands,	1,089.45	
" 9,	Taxed bill costs on sundry mortgages foreclosed,	191.52	
	Interest on bonds for Paterson lands,	229.48	
	Interest on bonds for Paterson lands,	180.00	
" 15,	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	300.00	
" 19,	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	360.00	
" 23,	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	250.00	
" 30,	On account of bonds for Paterson lands,	18.58	
June 3,	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	90.00	
" 10,	Interest on bonds and mortgages,	90.00	
" 24,	Newark city, for semi-annual interest on loan,	600.00	
" 26,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	150.00	
July 9,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	150.00	
" 20,	Trenton Banking Co., semi-annual dividend on one hundred and fifty-nine shares capital stock of said bank, being the eighty-second dividend,	190.80	

*account with the New Jersey School Fund.*

**Cr.**

1846.

Dolls. Cts.

Amount brought forward,

43,616.54

**Dr.***STACY A. PAXSON, Treasurer, in*

1846.		Dolls.	Cts.
July 21,	Received of Morris and Essex Railroad Co., semi-annual interest on loan,	900.00	
“ 28,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	300.00	
August 7,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	120.00	
“ 12,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	180.00	
Sept. 4,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	20.00	
“ 16,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	62.00	
		<hr/>	49,631.98
“ 24,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	190.00	
Oct. 3,	Interest on bond and mortgage,	60.00	
“ 6,	New Jersey Railroad Co., six months' interest on loan,	3,000.00	
	New Jersey Railroad Co., semi-annual dividend on stock,	500.00	
	Cumberland Bank, January and July dividend on forty shares stock,	120.00	
	Sussex Bank, fifty-third and fifty-fourth dividend on twenty shares stock,	80.00	
Nov. 11,	Passaic county, interest on bond,	180.00	

*account with the New Jersey School Fund.***Cr.**

1846.

Dolls. Cts.

Amount brought forward,

43,616.54

**Dr.***STACY A. PAXSON, Treasurer, in*

		Dolls.	Cts.
1846.			
Nov. 24,	Received of Newark city, semi-annual interest on loan,	600.00	
" 27,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	150.00	
" 30,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	96.00	
Dec. 16,	Interest on bond and mort- gage,	17.50	
1847.		————	54,625.48
Jan. 1,	Union Bank at Dover, tax on capital stock,	250.00	
	Mechanics' and Manufac- turers' Bank at Trenton, tax on capital stock,	500.00	
	Newark Banking and In- surance Co., tax on capital stock,	2,543.25	
	State Bank at Newark, tax on capital stock,	2,000.00	
	Mechanics' Bank, Newark, tax on capital stock,	2,500.00	
	Orange Bank, tax on capi- tal stock,	512.50	
	Commercial Bank of New Jersey, tax on capital stock,	150.00	
	Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Rahway, tax on capital stock,	650.00	
	State Bank at Elizabeth, tax on capital stock,	1,000.00	
	State Bank at New Bruns- wick, tax on capital stock,	590.63	

*account with the New Jersey School Fund.***Cr.**

		Dolls. Cts.
1846.	Amount brought forward,	43,616.54
Dec. 4,	Paid loan on bond and mortgage,	1,400.00
“ 16,	Loan on bond and mortgage,	7,000.00
“ 24,	R. H. Shreve, clerk of Mercer, recording three mortgages,	1.50
“ 29,	David Frambes, collector of Atlantic, amount of appropriation for support of free schools,	349.50
		<u>8,751.00</u>
		<u>52,367.54</u>

**Dr.***STACY A. PAXSON, Treasurer, in*

1847.	Dolls. Cts.
Jan. 1,	
Received of Morris County Bank, tax on capital stock,	250.00
State Bank at Morris, tax on capital stock,	500.00
Sussex Bank, tax on capital stock,	337.50
Belvidere Bank, tax on capital stock,	444.65
New Hope Delaware Bridge Co., tax on capital stock,	420.10
Princeton Bank, tax on capital stock,	450.00
Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Middletown Point, tax on capital stock,	125.00
Farmers' Bank of New Jersey, tax on capital stock,	500.00
Burlington County Bank, tax on capital stock,	350.00
Mechanics' Bank at Burlington, tax on capital stock,	250.00
State Bank at Camden, tax on capital stock,	1,300.00
Cumberland Bank, tax on capital stock,	260.25
Salem Banking Co., tax on capital stock,	375.00
People's Bank at Paterson, tax on capital stock,	375.00

*account with the New Jersey School Fund.***Cr.**

1847.

Dolls. Cts.

Amount brought forward,

52,367.54



*account with the New Jersey School Fund.*

**Cr.**

1847.	Dolls. Cts.
Amount brought forward,	52,367.54
By New Hope Delaware Bridge Company's tax, charged and not drawn for,	420.10
<i>Deposits in the following Banks, per certificates, viz :</i>	
Trenton Banking Co.,	10,439.08
Mechanics' and Manufacturers' Bank, Trenton,	7,706.34
Princeton Bank,	1,900.00
	20,045.42
	72,833.06

The Committees of the Senate and Assembly and Auditor of Accounts, appointed to settle with the Treasurer, having examined the foregoing account and the evidences relating thereto, and compared the same with the books in which the accounts of the School Funds are kept, do hereby certify that the same is in all things correctly stated, and that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, standing to his credit in sundry banks, is twenty thousand and forty-five dollars and forty-two cents.

CHAS. S. OLDEN. } *Committee*  
ISAAC G. FARLEE. } *of Senate.*

BENJN. KEMBLE. }  
F. B. CHETWOOD. } *Committee*  
JOHN LAMBERT. } *of*  
JOS. B. TATEM. } *Assembly.*  
HARTSHORNE TANTUM. }

TREASURER'S OFFICE, TRENTON, January 18th, 1847.

**Dr.****BALANCE SHEET, showing the**

		Dolls. Cts.
<i>Amount invested in Stocks :</i>		
40 shares	Cumberland Bank,	2,000.00
20 "	Sussex Bank,	1,000.00
159 "	Trenton Banking Co.,	4,770.00
250 "	New Jersey Railroad,	12,500.00
		20,270.00
<i>Loans :</i>		
New Jersey Railroad and Transporta-		
tion Company,	100,000.00	
Morris and Essex Railroad Co.,	30,000.00	
Newark city,	30,000.00	
Sussex county,	8,000.00	
Passaic county,	3,000.00	
State of New Jersey,	25,595.82	
Bonds, &c., for Paterson lands,	9,667.29	
Bonds and mortgages,	125,347.50	
		331,610.61
Real estate in Paterson,		1,322.50
<i>Amount received :</i>		
Balance per settlement last year,	23,351.38	
Amount bank tax for 1846,	18,207.58	
Balance " " 1845,	4,313.45	
Principal on bonds for Paterson lands,	2,624.19	
" on bonds and mortgages,	12,700.00	
Incidental account,	191.52	
Dividends on sundry stocks,	1,549.80	
Interest on loans,	17,217.64	
		80,155.56
<i>Due and unavailable :</i>		
From Morris Canal and Banking Co.,	10,000.00	
" Belleville Bank,	749.75	
" Farmers' and Merchants' Bank,		
New Brunswick,	341.10	
		11,090.85
Amount on deposit,		20,045.42
		464,494.94
<i>Balance, being total amount of School Fund,</i>		384,339.38

## Condition of the School Fund.

Cr.

Dolls. Cts.

*Paid the following counties for support of Free Schools :*

Bergen county,	1,000.50	
Hudson county,	615.00	
Essex county,	2,664.00	
Passaic county,	768.00	
Morris county,	2,352.00	
Sussex county,	1,518.75	
Warreu county,	1,638.75	
Hunterdon county,	2,326.50	
Somerset county,	1,882.50	
Middlesex county,	2,049.00	
Monmouth county,	2,793.00	
Burlington county,	2,857.50	
Gloucester county,	1,021.50	
Cumberland county,	1,189.50	
Salem county,	1,617.00	
Cape May county,	484.50	
Mercer county,	1,710.00	
Atlantic county,	349.50	
Camden county,	1,162.50	
	<hr/>	30,000.00

New Hope Delaware Bridge Company, tax charged in amount received and not collected,	420.10
Loans to sundry persons on bond and mortgage,	27,900.00
Incidental account,	467.54
Real estate, included in principal on bonds for Paterson lands,	1,322.50

*Amount on deposit in the following Banks :*

Trenton Banking Company,	10,439.08	
Mechanics' and Manufacturers' Bank,		
Trenton,	7,706.34	
Princeton Bank,	1,900.00	
	<hr/>	20,045.42
Balance,		384,339.38

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TREASURY OFFICE, January 4th, 1847.

S. A. PAXSON, Treasurer.





