

mer will probably be rendered useless if any alterations in that neighbourhood be carried into effect; and I have given notice to the Trustees of the latter, that it must either be rebuilt or thoroughly repaired.

The new catalogue of books is much required; and I think also an amended set of regulations,—many of the recent orders of the Board are not printed, and they would be much better observed if publicity were thus given to them—some of the schools have no copies of the former rules. A Trustees' Book is not kept in a great many, and a Visitor's Book in still fewer.

I may, perhaps, be allowed to observe that the powers of the Board appear to me to be deficient in many respects; but to remedy this, as well as to effect some alteration in the present Acts, the interposition of the Legislature would be required. I would recommend some modifications with regard to the averages, and also the placing a small sum at the disposal of the Board for contingent expenses.

I annex a summary of the statistical information

I have collected in my two last circuits, referring to my quarterly reports and to the schedules for particulars. The increase in the number of scholars in the Summer was considerable, but it has not continued during the Winter. The attendance ought to have been compared with the corresponding period of last year. From this and the quarterly reports, it will appear that 249 visits have been paid since March last.

The total number of School Districts in the Western Section of the Island, is 150. I have endeavoured to show the average attendance in each quarter, which is, I think, an approximation to the truth; the actual number is probably greater. It might perhaps be more correctly ascertained from the Teachers' Journals.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. HENRY BUCKERFIELD,

School Visitor.