3. There has been 10 different teachers in the Parish during the year.
4. Primary and only one school taught in the English language.
5. 700 according to the census taken by the assessor, but from what I actually know and from the reports of the Directors, there must be between eight and nine hundred.
6. 324 males, 276 females, 600 according to the assessors account.
7. 183 males, 214 females attend school.
8. The whole number months school has been taught in the Parish during the last twelve months are ninety five months.
9. The apportionment of September 30, 1850, was 323 00; of December 31, 1850, was 1,329 00; of March 31, 1851, was 386 98; of June 31, 1851, was 406 00, in all 2143 98.
10. Of Poll tax 437 has been received making in all the sum of 2,580 98, apportioned to this Parish the past year. Amount paid for tuition during the same time is 3,363 59.
11. There never has been any District tax raised in the Parish of any amount. The citizens of each School District generally, contribute of their own free will to the building of their school houses, which are of cheap description, but answer all purposes, mostly made of logs. What the costs of the buildings are, I am unable to say, there is no notice taken of such contributions. There is no such thing as renting school houses. Fuel and furniture are supplied in the same manner and no notice taken of the costs.
12. For education good, some of them possess qualifications far above the ordinary school education, but such are not always sober men—but I may say of moral character generally very good.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CALDWELL PARISH.

1. The whole number of School Districts in this Parish are twelve.
2. All the Districts have school houses and schools.
3. There are at this time six schools in operation.
4. Our schools are all Primary.
5. By the last report of the assessor, there were 459 children of both sexes in the Parish.
6. Two hundred and twenty males and one hundred and eighty-nine females.
7. Two hundred and seventy males and one hundred and eighty-nine females attend the schools.
8. I am at a loss to answer this question from the imperfect manner in which the Directors have made their reports, six months most probably be the average time.
9. The sum of 5,838 66, has been the mill tax apportioned to this Parish, as appears upon the books of myself and predecessors.
10. The sum of 435 dollars has been apportioned as the mill tax, (no doubt it should be the Poll tax.)
11. There has been no District tax raised.
12. The sum of 1751 49 1-2 has been paid.
13. School houses have been built by voluntary contributions.
14. No money has been expended for that purpose.
15. No money has been expended.
16. School houses have been supplied with furniture and fuel by voluntary contributions.
17. The qualifications of teachers and moral character generally have been as good as our country can furnish. The only difficulty to the prosperity of our schools, arises from the want of funds, to carry out fully the intention of the Constitution, if the Legislature will provide the ways and means, therefore, I have no doubt of the success of our infant institutions.

(Signed) ROBERT R. STARK.
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CATAHOULA.

1. Twenty-five. One has been made very lately.
2. Houses forty. Schools in operation during the year are thirty-five.
3. Seven.
4. Primary.
5. Nine hundred and ninety-one.
6. 496 males and 495 females.
7. 225 males 190 females attend school.
8. Four months eighty-eight days.
9. Mill Tax received 3,400 00.
10. Poll tax received 596.
11. None.
12. 4,805 39.
13. None.
14. None.
15. None.
16. None.
17. Qualifications common, to good fair, morals generally very good.
18. General condition of the Schools good, we want more money, and as much may be done as has already been.

(Signed) T. A. ROUTON,
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF PARISH SUPERINTENDENT OF CARROLL.

PROVIDENCE, Nov. 27th, 1851.

HON. ROBERT CARTER NICHOLAS,
Superintendent of Public Education.

SIR.—Immediately after the receipt of your Circular of August 13th, I repeated the call upon the several Directors for the information required; but few complied. I have been compelled to visit some of them, at a distance of 30 miles, as often as four times, without succeeding. It is very difficult to obtain the services of competent Directors. Those of the community, that are competent, are unwilling to devote their attention to the subject, consequently the amount of good accomplished is much less.

There are 7 Districts in the Parish.
All have School houses and Schools.
During the past 12 months there have been 15 Schools in operation.
Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography and History, are the branches taught in most of them.
Agreeably to the last enumeration, there are 501 children of both sexes in the Parish, 251 males and 250 females.
220 males and 150 females have attended School.
The whole amount of Mill tax to June 30th, 1851 is $4,803 36. Received during the year ending June 30th, 1851, $1,481 35, Mill Tax.
The whole amount of Poll Tax received to June 30th, 1851 is $882 00.
Received during the year ending, June 30th, 1851, Poll Tax $300.
There has been no District taxation for any purpose.
Paid for tuition from 30th September 1850 to same date in 1851 $2,747 10.
No public money has been expended in that period in building, purchasing or renting School houses, or supplying them with furniture, &c. Those expenses were generally sustained by private contributions.
The Teachers have generally a good education and good moral characters.
Many of the Schools languish for the want of means; but considerable good has been accomplished. Many have learned to read and write sufficiently to transact the ordinary business of life in a short time.
A better spirit is appearing in the community upon the subject of education, and I am induced to believe, that, in a short time, those that are competent to do good, will, instead of opposing the law, lend their aid in carrying out its principles.

Very Respectfully ALEXIS SAPPINGTON,
Parish Superintendent for the Parish of Carrol.

REPORT OF PARISH SUPERINTENDENT OF DE SOTO.

1. Number of Districts 17, the 17th being a new district.
2. Sixteen have School houses and have had schools.
3. There are 24 schools in operation.
4. The greater number primary, some four or five high.
5. 864 for the two past years.
6. 469 males, 395 females.
7. 463 males, 394 females attend school, this number have attended more or less six months, and four females have not had a school living District No. 16.
8. This question I cannot answer, as the schools have been quite unregular in several Districts.
9. This question I cannot answer fully, in consequence of mislaying one of the notices of Mr. Dimitry. But as to the amount received by me as Superintendent since I came into office is 5,822 83. I have not yet received the 2nd and 3rd. quarterage for this Parish, and have only received the notice of the second quarter, very recently. The notice of the third quarter of 1851, has not yet come to hand.
11. Agreeably to report from District No. 1, there has been 875 99 collected. No other district has levied any tax.
12. There has been 5000 dollars paid by me as Superintendent for tuition up to the 18th of September 1851.
13. Agreeably to report from District No. 1, there has been paid 193 13.
14. There has been nothing paid for purchasing school houses.
15. No school house rented.
16. Nothing.
17. Some five or six are well qualified with regard to education, the balance are quite limited in their acquired abilities, they are generally speaking of good moral character.
18. With regard to the condition of the greater number of schools in this Parish, they are badly furnished with furniture and stationary, but this is generally the case in all the remote parts of different Parishes. As it respects their improvement, there are but few of the schools that appear to be doing much good, and never will, unless there could be men of education, who felt an interest in the matter, elected as directors in the different districts. It is frequently the case that we Directors elected men to fill that office, who cannot write their own names.

(Signed) G. S. HART,
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF PARISH SUPERINTENDENT EAST BATON-ROUGE

OCTOBER 28th, 1851.

Sir:—I herein submit my report, in answer to the queries contained in your circular of the 13th of August last. I have simply given answers to your interrogatories as stated, feeling satisfied that you can use it for reference, in this form, with much more facility than if the answers were embodied in the form of reports, heretofore adopted by Parish Superintendents.

1. Whole number of School districts in the Parish	14
2. Number having school houses and schools	13
3. Number of schools in operation in the Parish	24
4. The quality in the Schools generally primary	
5. Number of children of the legal age in the Parish	1,959
6. Number of males	646
7. Number of females	613
8. Number of males attending school	386
9. Number of females attending school	338
10. Average time of tuition in Districts 10 months.	
11. Amount of Mill Tax apportioned to this Parish	8,959 57
12. Amount of Poll received	1,844 00
13. Amount of District tax raised in this Parish	2,067 24
14. Amount paid for tuition from 30 Sept. 1850 to 30 Sept. 1851	5,038 00
15. Amount paid for building school houses same time	1,287 00
16. Amount paid for renting school houses same time	393 00
17. Amount paid for furniture and fuel same time	340 00

The qualifications of the teachers are generally of a primary character. There are, however, some exceptions, several of them being worthy of positions much more creditable than are the public schools of this Parish, at this time. Their moral character is excellent. I have heard but two complaints of immoral conduct on the part of teachers throughout the whole Parish, during the two years of my connection with the Public Schools.

The condition of the Schools at present are generally in a promising condition. A majority of them having heretofore proven equal to the accomplishment of the object for which they were established, and their efficient operation, promises like results for the future. The great and apparently only difficulty with which the most of them have to contend, is now what it has ever been, an insufficiency of school funds. This has in many districts proven a serious draw-back on the operations of the School system, and its consequences have in many portions of the Parish rendered the system quite unpopular.

(Signed) J. C. GAILE,
Public Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EAST FELICIANA.

1. Districts 6.
2. Sixteen school houses, and also schools but namely all of the houses are neighborhood property, some three or four houses are district property. No schools at present.
3. Many good private schools but public schools none.
4. None public at present.
5. How many children of both sexes of the legal age in the parish, six hundred and seventy-six, according to the report of the assessor for 1848, none since, the assessor ran away.
6. Males, four hundred and twenty-seven, females, three hundred and eighty.
7. None attend public schools, be not surprised at this, nor at reason, for one of the quarters of the present year, 11 cents per rate was appointed to this parish.
8. When we have public schools, the teachers occupy eleven months with twenty-two days to the month.
9. I cannot answer the mill and poll tax to answer the above question, only in part, in consequence of the Grand Jury quashed two of Mr. Dimitry letters to me, I can answer for the whole amount appointed, but not for the poll and poll tax separately. The Auditor can give you the information.
10. Cannot answer for the reasons above given, four hundred and seventy three dollars was apportioned pro rata for the four entire quarters of 1850, it is not stopping then that I have no free public schools to report, our tax collector is a defaulter.
11. None reported.
12. Cannot answer this question in the present form, because it would require a division of accounts and drafts into separate files, utterly impossible without a great deal of labour and some guessing, I can answer at any time for all moneys received and paid out. The drafts frequently are drawn for several accounts of different times. I regret that I cannot answer the question, the directors, frequently draft for most quite

13. None reported to me by the directors.
14. None reported.
15. None reported.
16. None reported.
17. Our teachers are generally well qualified to teach, some but such are employed, and they are also persons of acceptable moral character.
18. Our College and our several male and female academies are doing well, for the past they exhibit on the part of the teachers and pupils, competency, efficiency, and strict attention to study. The public mind in this parish, is alive to the interest of education. But I am sorry to say that the system of free schools in our State is accomplishing little for the education of the masses. The supervision of parish Superintendents over the qualifications of teachers, is certainly producing a reform in that quarter. But the fund provided by law is entirely inadequate to pay more than one fifth of the expenses of tuition for one year.

It is impossible to get working men to take hold of the directorship, for the want of means to work the system, and consequently the system, though a good one, is received either with indifference or disgust. The directors neglect their quarterly reports because as, they say, there is nothing to report. Hence the imperfection of my answers to the above questions, it is no fault of mine.

(Signed.) D. PIP
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FRANKLIN.

1. Fourteen.
2. They all have one or more school houses.
3. Seven.
4. Primary.
5. 369, census 1849.
6. 190 males, 178 females.
7. 126 males, 96 females attend school.
8. Schools have been in operation in ten of the districts this year, varying from three to eleven months, average time in the ten districts, five and half months, average time in fourteen districts 3, 13-14 months, whole number of months taught, fifty five.
9. Including September apportionment, 1841, $4,502 72.
10. Including September apportionment, 1851, poll tax received, $896 00.
11. District tax raised, $900.
12. Has been paid, $1,161 59 3-4.
13. None.
14. None.
15. None.
16. None.
17. The qualifications of those engaged in teaching our district schools, vary from tolerable to very good. Moral character good.
18. The condition of our schools vary from fair to very flourishing. The advancement of pupils attending our schools has been as rapid as could be expected, taking into consideration the novelty of the system and the inexperience of the school officers, engaged in carrying it into effect. It is believed that by strict attention, and the more coercive method, which is likely hereafter to be observed in carrying the system into effect, our schools will progressively produce the most beneficial results.

(Signed.) C. F. OSBORN,
Parish Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF THE PARISH OF JACKSON.

1. Seven.
2. All.
3. About 25.
4. Mostly primary;
6. Nine hundred and forty-eight.
6. Males 500, females 448.
7. About 350 males and 350 females attend schools.
8. About three months.
9. Of Mill tax, $2,029 84.
10. Of Poll tax, 910
11. None.
12. About 3,200 00.
13. None.
14. None.
15. None.
16. None.
17. Tolerable or rather Secondary.
18. The progress of the schools thus far, has been small owing a great deal is to the short time they are taught.

My views in relation to the Public School system, it is not one that works well in the Southern portion of the State, owing to the thinly settled country, and the Public system defeating schools being made by subscription.

In fact the present school system is a bad one, and too much expense in keeping a bad law in operation; it is a matter should be well discussed by our next Legislature, and if possible do away the office of parish Superintendent.

(Signed) JAS. C. WALKER,
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PARISH OF JEFFERSON.

1 Twelve.
2 Six comprising ten districts.
3 Six.
4 Gretna academy comprising the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th districts in which is taught spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, and composition. In the other schools are taught the primary branches.
5 Six hundred and forty three of both sexes.
6 316 males, 327 females.
7 200 males, 225 females.
8 Ten months, two vacations of a month each.
9 Of the mill tax, $2,454 50.
10 Of the poll tax, $35 00.
11 There has been no district tax. The Police Jury of this parish appropriated 2,100 dollars, to pay the balance due in 1849 and 1850 to teachers, and there has been about 500 dollars raised by voluntary subscription among the people.
12 $3,771 43.
13 Six hundred dollars.
14 Three hundred and six dollars.
15 { One hundred and fifty dollars, fifteen cents.
16 }
17 The teachers of all our schools are of good moral character, qualified, in all the branches of an English common school. We have one French school in the 8th district.
18 *[Here insert administrators answer to this question.]

* Copy not furnished to the printer.

REPORT OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON.

1 In the city there are three school districts.
2 None.
4 In our city five schools are in operation.
4 All the schools are primary.
5 597 children of both sexes.
6 295 males and 302 females.
7 104 males and 124 females attend the schools.
8 In days five hours and a half, in months twenty two days.
9 In mill tax from March 30th, 1850, to June 30th, 1851—$1,675 [illegible].
10 In poll tax from March, 30th, 1850 to June 30th, 1851, $97 60.

Previous to March 30th, 1850, mill and poll tax, $2,176 10.

11 None.
12 The sum of three thousand dollars.
13 None.
14 None.
15 The sum of four hundred and eighty dollars.
16 The sum of four hundred and thirteen dollars.
17 From the remote department good, moral department not very satisfactory, there is much complaint.
18 Not being able to state that the general condition of our schools is good, I hope that the selection of one or two new teachers will put our schools in a good and prosperous condition, some changes having been made.

(Signed) J. T. BIENVENUE,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS, CITY OF LAFAYETTE, BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LAFAYETTE.

1. Four schools in the city.
2. All of the four.
3. Six schools, embracing 27 divisions, with twenty-eight teachers. Four new divisions are to be organized this week.
4. They are divided into three classes, viz: Primary, Intermediate and High Schools.
5. There are of both sexes in the city, 3263 children.
6. There are 1612 males and 1651 females.
7. On the first April, 1851, there were 713 males and 796 females, which is the greatest number that has ever been in regular attendance at any one time. The number of pupils registered in the schools, in the past year, is 1778.
8. Ten months and twenty-one days.
9. October 1, 1850, $1566, January 1, 1851, $5239; April 1, 1851, $297; July 1, 1851, $1566, making a total of $8,668 00.
10. October 1, 1850, $216; January 1, 1851, $113; April 1, 1851, nothing, and July 1, 1851, nothing; $329 00 total.
11. No answer. Collector did not separate the taxes of the city from the parish.
12. Twenty-one thousand two hundred and eighty dollars and fifteen cents.
13. Eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars.
14. Nothing.
15. Five hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.
16. Two thousand two hundred and five dollars.
17. Only those teachers who possess the highest literary qualifications and unexceptionable character, are employed in the Lafayette public schools.
18. The general condition of the schools is prosperous. The progress of the schools thus far, has been satisfactory, their numbers increasing steadily, and there is every prospect that the usefulness of the public schools will constantly extend.

NEW ORLEANS, December 29, 1851.

HON. R. C. NICHOLAS,
State Superintendent of Public Education:

DEAR SIR,

I, A. Durel, Treasurer of Municipality No. One, having communicated to me certain queries relative to the Public Schools of this Municipality, I take pleasure in answering as many as I can, from the official documents in my possession.

There are twelve schools in the First Municipality. To those schools all the children residing within the limits of the municipality may be admitted, without regard to the particular district or ward they reside in.

There are two Primary Schools for girls.
One do for boys.
Three Intermediate Schools for girls.
Three do for boys.
One High School for girls.
One do. for boys.
One Night School for male adults.
Two of the school-houses of this Municipality belong to the corporation. The balance are rented at an average of about fifty dollars per month for each school, exclusive of repairs, etc.

I cannot state how many children of the legal age reside in the municipality; my official information being confined to the whole number actually in the schools, which is as follows, for December, 1851:

Males,	1262
Females,	1260
Total,	2522

These pupils receive instruction in the French, English and Latin languages, during eleven months each year, at an average cost of $21 20 per annum for each scholar. In addition to the above branches of instruction, Arithmetic, Geometry, Algebra and Mensuration, Ancient and Modern History, Rhetoric and Natural Philosophy are also taught to the more advanced classes of the scholars. Lessons in Drawing and Vocal Music are also given in the higher departments.

The qualifications of all our teachers are tested, by a strict preliminary examination, and none are admitted or retained whose ability and moral character can be objected to. The Public Schools of the First Municipality challenge comparison with those of the Second, which, it was established much earlier; and no better evidence of their influence and usefulness can be produced than this highly gratifying fact, which has been often alluded to in my annual reports, that a majority of our present Bench and Bar are graduates of our Public Schools.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, your obt. servant,
ALBERT PARIS,
Superintendent of the Public Schools of Municipality No. One.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS IN THIRD MUNICIPALITY.

1. Municipality No. 3 has in divided into four wards.
2. Four.
3. Nine schoolhouses supplied by twenty-two teachers.

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7. The returns of the assessors will probably show that: [illegible] 1199.
7. Males, 641, and 536 females: Total, 1177. In the summer months this number is reduced.
8. The summer vacation is usually six weeks; the other vacations, in the course of the year, amount to about two weeks. The schools are not opened all Saturdays.
9. From January 1st, 1845, to June 30th, 1851, the sum of $30,360 93 has been paid by the State to Municipality No. 3.
10. During the same period, $2710 has been paid by the State to Municipality No. 3.
11. The excess of expenditure over receipts, for the maintenance of public schools, has been provided by the Council by taxation.
12. The amount paid to twenty-five teachers, whose salaries range from thirty-five to sixty dollars, making $1200 a month, and $14,000 a year.
13. No building has been erected during the time above mentioned.
14. No school-house purchased.
15. Nine school-houses amount to $9000 to $2500 a year.
16. One thousand dollars.
17. Their literary qualifications fair; their moral character excellent.
18. The general condition of our schools is very good; their progress through the past year highly satisfactory. The future prospects of our schools, in a pecuniary point of view, are unfavorable and discouraging. The municipality being greatly embarrassed, will, with great difficulty find means to pay rents, furnish books and stationery, defray incidental expenses and complete the amount necessary to pay teachers' salaries, which the State appropriations do not meet in full.

(Signed,) M. ESNARD, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF IBERVILLE.

1. Districts, 18.
2. School-houses, 18.
3. Primary, three higher, 10.
4. There are 781 children.
5. Male, 408; females, 381.
6. Males, 324, and 84 females attend school.
7. Twenty-two days in a month, 6 hours per day.
8. Mill tax apportioned to the parish, $13,001 22.
9 Poll tax received by the parish, $2,060.
10 Amount of the district to the 30th June, 1851, $1389 10.
11 Amount paid for tuition from 30th September, 1850, to same date, 1851, $5,207 85.
12 Expended in building school houses, $851 95.
13 In erecting school houses, $843.
14 In supplying houses with furniture and fuel, $242.
15 The qualifications and their moral character good.
16 The general condition of the schools is good and has improved; their prospects, according to my views, entirely depend on the increase of the apportionment of the school funds. The School Directors, to employ good teachers, are bound to grant them too high salaries in proportion to the funds apportioned to their districts.

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(Signed.) P. GILLESSEAU,
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LAFOURCHE INTERIOR.

1 Ans. 20. 2nd ques. Eight have school houses, and in these there are sixteen schools. Question 3, answer 16. Question 4, answer primary. Question 5, answer 1445. Question 6, answer 850 males and 697 females. 7 answer, at this moment on an average 350 males and 221 females attend school. Question 8; answer, five days each week during two sessions of four months each. Question 9; answer, since my superintending, say from 1st June, 1850, $5,542 22. For same time, $1,649 of poll tax. 11 question, answer. The directors have not furnished me with such information as will enable me to answer this question. Sufficient funds, however, have been raised to build and furnish eighteen school houses; Question 12; ans. from the 1st of July 1850, to July 1851, there has been paid about $7,376 58. Question 13; answer, not any report from the directors. Question 14; answer, the same. Question 15; answer, the same. Question 16; answer, the same. Question 17; answer, the moral character good; qualifications, owing to the difficulty of procuring French teachers, which are generally required by the directors, not of the best kind. Question 18; answer, the condition of the schools are fair, under the circumstances. Their progress has convinced me that it is necessary to combine local with a general taxation, each district to aid in keeping up its fund. The State system is not opportunely, as a gift, and goes like one. The system as it is, is well worth the money expended and combined with a local taxation, would doubtless prove of the greatest benefit to the community. Much interest is manifested by the people on the subject, and the interest is increasing. Superintendent seizes every occasion to urge upon those interested, the propriety of adding to the State fund, from every district, be it ever so little, and to increase their tax gradually, so they may after a while offer such salaries, as will command the very best instructors, inasmuch as the State fund is not sufficient for that purpose.

Of the sixteen schools, three are English, and thirteen French. In the English schools, the text books and system of instruction are, in the main, as in the schools of New Orleans and the Northern States—say in New York and Massachusetts. I enclose a copy of regulations suggested to the various school districts, drawn from different sources.

(Signed.) WINCHESTER HALL.
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF PARISH SUPERINTENDENT OF LAFAYETTE.

1 Ans., 9. Question 2; answer, 9. Question 3; answer 14. Question 4; answer, primary. Question 5; answer, 1000. Question 6; answer, males 544, and 456 females. Question 7; answer, 292 males, and 97 females attend school. Question 8; answer, this question is difficult to answer. The schools continue in each district, without cessation, until they are closed by default of the teachers. Question 9; answer. This question and the 10th I cannot answer, not having received the necessary papers, when I came into office, to show that information. The Auditor of Public Accounts could give you that information. Question 11; answer. The directors invariably fail to make out and deliver to me their annual reports, except one or two districts, by which only I could ascertain that information. But from common report, I would say about eight thousand dollars. Question 12; answer. I did not receive any papers when I came into office in February last, to impart to me that information. If a guess would do any good, I would say about five thousand six hundred dollars, as judging from what I have paid since the first of February last. Question 13; answer. For this, again, I need the annual reports of the directors. It would not be far from it to say about seven thousand dollars. Question 14; answer. This is answered in preceding question. Question 15; answer, nothing. Question 17; answer. From previous guesses made, I would say about one thousand dollars. Question 17; answer, good. Question 18; answer. The general condition is very good, considering the limited state of education in this parish, before the present system of free public schools went into operation. The number of children who received instruction before the present system went into operation, scarcely reached one hundred, and the military effect of the present system, defective as it is, has swelled the number to nearly four hundred, and is still increasing. The greatest defect in our present system, is the want of sufficient funds. We are just beginning to feel it in this parish. On account of the slowness to establish schools in the commencement, a surplus of funds accumulated, which has kept up our schools in fine condition up to the present time, and perhaps will until the end of the year; but, unfortunately the expenses of the parish exceed its receipts, which will injure the otherwise bright prospects of the schools in our parish. Such I believe is the case throughout the State, and it is to be hoped that the next Legislature will, in wisdom, devise some way of healing that sore in our public school system, which if not done, will ultimately so prostrate it, that it will become odious perhaps, to the good people of this parish, and of the State. There are also minor parts of the law, which in my judgment, ought to be amended and changed, in order to make them more beneficial and practical in their operations and effects. Hoping that the above information will be satisfactory,

I remain,
A. J. MOSS.
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIVINGSTON.

1 Question; answer, 28. Question 2; answer, All have schoolhouses, and all have had schools. Question 3; answer, The number of schools in operation in this parish on the 30th September, was five, but during the year, thirteen. Question 4; answer, primary. Question 5; answer, 612. Question 6; answer, 319 males, 294 females. Question 7; answer, During the last year, ending 30th September, about 225 scholars have attended schools, or about 175 males and 150 females. Question 8; answer, For the year ending 30th September, the average time of teaching in each district has been calendar months of twenty days; Question 9; answer, Mill tax, $1787 76. Question 10; answer, Poll tax $420. Question 11; answer, There has been no district tax raised in this parish; every thing has been voluntary subscription. Question 12. The amount paid out for schools taught during the year amounts to $897, and the amount paid during the same time on outstanding warrants, where schools had been taught previously, amounts to $780; total, $1677. Question 13; answer, None. Question 14; answer None. Question 15; answer, None. Question 16; answer, None. Question 17; They are generally qualified in reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic, and often in the higher branches; their moral character is generally good. Question 18; answer, The general condition of our public schools is not very flattering, and there seems to be a strong sentiment prevailing in this parish against the whole system, and particularly as it works at present. Teachers manifest a strong desire to advance pupils, but I cannot say so much for parents; and the reason is obvious. The funds apportioned to this parish will hardly keep a school three months, and parents think they are oppressed, that they have to pay their taxes and receive no benefit of any importance from it; what their children learn in one school, they forget before there is another school in operation. One thing is certain, this system of apportionment has reduced the number of schools materially, and retarded the progress of education. One thing is requisite, in my opinion, in order to have the public school system work regularly, that a certain amount of money be appropriated by the Legislature, for the support of public schools; this amount to be paid annually, to the Parish Superintendent, on his own warrant, drawn on and approved by the Auditor of Public Accounts—say drawn first January each year—when the superintendents and directors, parents and all, would know exactly how much money there was for school purposes, and would make their calculations for employing a teacher for some definite time, and teachers would know when they could get their money, and for a certainty, also.

But as it is at present, the amount being drawn quarterly, and not of the taxes paid in, it is impossible for me or any one else to give information as to the amount that will be received. As for instance, a district has fifty dollars on hand in January, and they want to employ a teacher for six months at twenty-five dollars per month, the question naturally arises, when will you be able to pay the balance? The teacher comes to me for information; I am unable to tell—my apportionments are not equal—the teacher can consequently depend on no certainty for getting the balance of his money, and looks out for something better—when, if a certain amount was known to be actually due, and could be paid on the first of January, the teacher would go ahead and teach, and would also teach for a less amount than they would otherwise, if they had to run the risk of not getting the money for a year or two. In order to have any kind of regularity, there must be something positive.

[Signed.] H. DUNCAN,
Parish Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MADISON PARISH.

RICHMOND, LA. November 20th, 1851.

R. C. NICHOLAS, Esqr.

Dear Sir:—It is now some time since I received your request, to make out a report as to the condition of the schools in Madison Parish. This I was anxious to do, and had so contemplated; but I found myself unable. After receiving notice from you, I made frequent demands upon the Directors of the various School Districts of my Parish, for reports from their several Districts, upon which to furnish a general report to you. My solicitations have proved in vain, so that I now find it too late to forward you anything that may be really valuable. However, as anything in relation to these matters may be gratifying to you, I have concluded to send you some few items in connection with them.

The number of School Districts in our Parish is twelve.
Six of them have schools and school-houses.
The number of schools now in operation I believe is eight.
They are of a primary nature.
The assessor's reports shows, that for this year the number of children of both sexes of the legal age, is two hundred and eighty-three; last year it was three hundred and thirty.
This year 153 males and 130 females.
From what I can learn, the average number of children that has been going to school during the year, has been seventy.
An average number of twenty has been going to school in an adjoining Parish, for whom the teacher received compensation from this.
As to the proportionate number of males and females of the children that have been going to school, I am unable to say.
The average time of tuition in the schools has been about nine months.
As to the amount of funds appropriated in this parish, I am only equal for the years 1850 and 1852. The other previous to this having been filled by my predecessor, I may not footing half our amount or date for the year 1851. The sum of $[illegible] the school fund for the year 1851, which was [illegible] Mill tax $[illegible] Poll tax $[illegible] $1,[illegible]-76 Mill tax, $[illegible] 50 Poll tax.
There has been some District Tax raised in this Parish, but small. Have not it coming, only if having been paid before I come into office.
The amount of money paid out by me from the 30th of September 1850 to 30th of September 1851, is [illegible]

[illegible]

The qualifications of teachers are of the primary order—their morals good.
The condition of the schools in this Parish is better now I think, than they have been any time. The prospect of the schools in this parish have been hereto[illegible] much impaired on account of overflows.
This great calamity having been prevented last year, and permanently prevented we hope for the future, and for other reasons, I must say that the future prospects for schools in Madison Parish are flattering.

I remain your
Respectfully,
JAMES NOLAN,
Superintendent for Madison Parish.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MOREHOUSE.

1 Ques.—Answer 2. 2 Ques.—Ans. 6. 3 Ques.—Ans. Primary and higher, 4 are higher schools. 5 Ques.—Ans. 549. 6 Ques.—No answer. 7 Ques.—Ans. 130 males, 80 females attend school. 8 Ques.—Ans. 10 months in the year, 22 days in a month. 9 Ques.—Ans. 5,298 97. 10 Ques.—Ans. 874 66. 11 Ques.—Ans. ——, 12 Ques.—Ans. 1,871 95. 13 Ques.—Ans. ——. 14 Ques.—Ans. ——, 15 Ques.—Ans. ——, 16 Ques.—Ans. ——, 17 Ques.—Ans. Good. 18 Ques.—Ans. Our schools have the advantage of good teachers, and the public money could be made available to a considerable extent, were it not for the negligence of Directors. In some of the districts, schools have been regularly maintained and have flourished, and these are now in the Parish these schools in a flourishing condition. I believe it next to impossible, to reason, the directors generally into a sense of duty. Whenever they have discharged their duties punctually, the good results have been very manifest, and show that the Directors are very important officers, in making a proper application of the money. The fact is in consequence of the incorrigible negligence of Directors in the country. The system with us is not generally a good one. In the towns we have good schools, because there men may be found willing and capable to perform the duties of directors. You perceive opposite none of the questions the mark——, it means that on account of the directors having failed to make their regular reports to me, it is impossible to report to you. I have endeavored to ascertain by enquiries, but find no one to give me the required information. You perceive also that I have not stated the number of males or females. This is because the assessor failed to make the legal report to me, a copy of his report is transmitted herewith. If I had thought of his neglecting to state the number of males and females, I would have reminded him of it, before he took the census—but I was not aware of it until he handed the report to me.

(Signed) C. C. HENDERSON,
Superintendent.

REPORT WITHOUT A SIGNATURE BELIEVED TO BE OF NATCHITOCHES.

1 Ques. Ans. 23 districts; 2 Ques. Ans. All are furnished with school houses, but the schoolhouses are dilapidated in part. 3 Ques. Ans. 20 at present, but we have had schools in almost all the districts within the last six months. 4 Ques. Ans. Primary only. 5 Ques. Ans. 1,402. 6 Ques. Ans. Males 760, females 642. 7 Ques. Ans. I cannot answer this question, as it is proposed, because directors have not been particular in their report to me. But I think from my own observation, that about 700 pupils have received the benefit of education within the past year. 8 Ques. Ans. Of mill tax 8,441 10. 9 Ques. Ans. Poll tax 1181 00. I have received these sums myself since the 1st January 1850. I can give no information with regard to what my predecessor received during the two years that he held the office, except that he acknowledged the receipt of public moneys to the amount of 8,561 70, of that sum I found 2697 23 in the Treasury, when I came into office. 10 Ques. Ans. About 3,500 50. For want of official information I cannot be exact. I state the sum above from personal inquiries. 11 Ques. Ans. I have expended the sum of 5,421 00, which sum I presume exceeds the expenditure of any other year since the establishment of the public school system. 12 Ques. Ans. About 2,500, in consequence of the neglect of directors I cannot be exact. 13 Ques. Ans. Nothing. 14 Ques. Ans. Nothing. 15 Ques. Ans. School houses have reported no expenditure of this kind. 16 Ques. Ans. The majority of our teachers are exemplary and tolerably capable men, but we have a few who have proved unworthy of the trust reposed in them, but who are still retained for the want of better. 17 Ques. Ans. I believe if the free school system has operated badly in sections of the country, it has not been the fault of the system, but of the directors of schools.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE.

1 Ques. Ans. Sixteen. 2 Ques. Ans. Sixteen. 3 Ques. Ans. Eighteen. 4 Ques. Ans. Primary. 5 Ques. Ans. 929. 6 Ques. Ans. Males 516, females 413. 7 Ques. Ans. Males 290, females 240. 8 Ques. Ans. Throughout the year. 9 Ques. Ans. Of mill tax 12,078 42. 10 Ques. Ans. Of poll tax 1,459. 11 Ques. Ans. 2100. 12 Ques. Ans. 7,998 60. 13 Ques. Ans. 2,100. 14. Ques. Ans. 417. 15 Ques. Ans. 150. 16 Ques. Ans. ——, 17 Ques. Ans. Moral. 18 Ques. Ans.

VILLAGE POINTE COUPEE, Sept. 14, 1851.

I refer you to my report to the Grand Jury of this Parish, I requested the Editor to send you the paper.

There is a powerful opposition to the system in this Parish, we could overcome it, had we the means to pay teachers a fair compensation for their time all the year. District directors ought to be limited in the amount of salary. They pay teachers per year $500, making it necessary that they should at least have 20 children attending school. If the Legislature could pass a law of this kind it would prevent much abuse.

The 234. section of the school law is defective, because it does not give the district tax when levied the force of an executive. The directors in the district where I lived, levied a tax to build a school house. Some of the planters refused to pay, a suit was the consequence. The directors lost. Owing to some of their resolutions not being dated, the Attorney against them boasted that no 2 planters ignorant of law and having little interest in the system, could carry it out. I fear he is right. The law should be amended to make the proceedings of directors legal if they acted in good faith, and that it should not be annulled for want of form.

Yours Respectfully,
JAMES CETER,
Superintendent of Public Schools, Point Coupee.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES.

1 Ques. What is the whole number of school districts in your parish? Ans. 8.
2 Ques. What number have school houses and schools? Ans. All have schools in active operation. School houses are rented in all districts but one, and in that, a school house had been erected previous to the institution of Public Schools, and is now used for public school purposes.
3 Ques. What is the number of schools in operation in the parish? Ans. 8.
4 Ques. What is the quality of your schools. Primary or higher? Ans. Primary.
5 Ques. How many children of both sexes of the legal age, in the Parish? Ans. The assessor has not yet made his report, so that the number last reported must be assumed until the proper report is made to the Parish Superintendent.
6 Ques. How many males? How many females?
7 Ques. How many males attend school? 160, varies slightly. How many females? 80, varies slightly.
8 Ques. What is the average time, in months and days, of tuition in the district? Ans. The schools are kept open during the whole year. Occasional absence is granted by the directors, but only for short periods. And there are no fixed terms for vacation.
9 Ques. How much of the mill tax has been apportioned to your Parish? Ans. For years 1848-49-50 up to date July 1st 1851, $7,059 48.
10 Ques. How much of the poll tax? Ans. $1319. Total $8,278 46 for 3 1-2 years.
11 Ques. How much of the District tax has been raised in the parish? Ans. Nothing.
12 Ques. What has been paid for tuition from the 30th of Sept. 1850 to the same date 1851? Ans. $3,263 54.
13 Ques. What amount expended in that period in building school houses? Ans. Nothing.
14 Ques. What amount in purchasing school houses? Ans. Nothing.
15 Ques. What amount expended in renting school houses? Ans. Rents are very small, and sometimes are not paid. In several instances the house (property) of the teacher, serves as the school house.
16 Ques. What amount expended in supplying school houses with furniture and fuel. Ans. Nothing. The houses are generally arranged into suitable school rooms by interested persons in the vicinity, who prefer no charge for such services.
17 Ques. What are the qualifications of your teachers and moral character generally? Ans. Qualifications of teachers, respectable. One or two instances of improper conduct have occurred among the teachers, but in every such instance the teacher has withdrawn from his situation of teacher. At present the officers are (with but one exception) filled by men who disc