

Report of Epsom Superintending School Committee for 1850

It affords the superintending School Committee of Epsom great pleasure to be able to report an increasing interest and improvements in most of the schools in town the present year – in most of the Districts able, faithful and efficient teachers have been employed and more interest manifested by parents – in some of the schools a very marked and decided advance in improvements have been made beyond the previous year – Indeed the teachers generally and a large majority of the scholars have done themselves much credit during both the summer and winter terms- There has not been a single case of insubordination requiring the interference of the Committee during the past year –

Therefore the friends of common school education have occasion to congratulate themselves on the interesting and improving state of their schools and also to be able in behalf of this important department of human welfare –

It is a source of satisfaction that some of our old dilapidated – inconvenient and unhealthy school houses which have such a sad influence over the health and mental developments of our children are giving way to the erection of new and convenient houses and the remodeling of old ones – it is earnestly hoped that this improving state of things may continue to progress until our schoolhouses shall become what the best interests of our children imperiously requires –

All of which is respectfully submitted

William Ham for the Committee

Above written on the back of a printed 'circular' or form, which was sent out by Hall Roberts, Commissioner of Common Schools for Merrimack County, and though instead of being filled out with annexed reports, included only the above remarks, and was to be returned by the Superintending School Committee to the Secretary of State's office. Dated Concord, N.H., Dec. 1850.

CIRCULAR.

Every Teacher, with the aid of the Prudential Committee, is requested to furnish the County Commissioner, through the Superintending School Committee, information suggested by and filling this blank. It is believed that with a little care and the aid of the older scholars, this information can be readily obtained, and that it will be of great service to the Teacher and the Commissioner.

HALL ROBERTS,

Commissioner of Common Schools for Merrimack County.

1. Town of
 2. District No.
 3. Prudential Committee,
 3. Teacher, Winter,
 5. No. visits of Prudential Committee, ; of Superintending School Committee,
 6. Have the Teacher and Prudential Committee consulted together to increase the usefulness of the School by having lectures, discussion, and inviting parents to visit it OFTEN ?
 7. How many lectures, discussions and meetings have there been ?
 8. Has the Teacher visited all the families to interest them in the School ?
 9. No. of parents who have visited the School,
 10. Names of some who have visited the School the most,

 11. Do the children appear to be well trained at home ?
 12. Is there a uniformity of suitable School Books ?
 13. Is the house *well ventilated*, and supplied with *Black-boards* ?
 14. State of its repair,
 15. Are the seats and desks well adapted to the wants of scholars ?
 16. Situation of the school house and prospects around.
- Will the Superintending School Committees return these Circulars, with their annexed reports, to the Secretary of State's office ?
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