

## THE REPORTER.

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### ANNUAL REPORT

On the Board of Education of School District No. 2, Township 38, Range 11.

To the people of the district:  
Our schools started this fall smoothly  
in better condition, on the whole, than  
ever have been before. A new course  
already had been adopted, substantially  
on the lines of the state course, which was  
prepared, under the direction of the state  
superintendent of public instruction, by  
the best public school experts in this state.  
This course is second to none.

The high school course, by a few  
changes, was made to conform to the re-  
quirements of the universities for admis-  
sion to their freshman classes, and was so  
arranged by Superintendent Rassweiler  
that, while some more work was done, no  
increase in teachers was necessary.

Owing to the large attendance, which  
involved not only serious overcrowding in  
some rooms, but the attendance of some  
pupils but a part of a day, it was neces-  
sary for us to arrange for an additional  
room and for a shifting of the teachers.  
While this change was in process, we lost  
our superintendent. His death was not  
only a serious personal blow to each mem-  
ber of the board and to all the teachers,  
but compelled us to let the contemplated  
changes wait. The fact that for several  
weeks a school as large as ours went along  
smoothly, after such a shock, without a  
superintendent, is not only a testimony to  
the fine grade of Mr. Rassweiler's work,  
but to the energy, skill and faithfulness  
of his teachers. Not too much can be  
said in praise of teachers and pupils.  
Their conduct under trying circumstances  
was a tribute to their character and to the  
training they had received from Mr. Rass-  
weiler.

In the first part of October the vacancy  
was filled by the appointment of Mr. O. M.  
Starkey. Under his direction, the changes  
in rooms and teachers were made, and de-  
spite the fact that more than half of the  
grades changed their teachers, the school  
has now settled down to its usual good  
work.

Following is a statement of finances for  
the year ending August 1st, 1897:

RECEPTS.  
Balance from last report \$ 2316.43  
Tuition 9960.46  
Trustees 125.00  
State funds 125.00

EXPENDITURES.  
July 18 J. K. Rassweiler, teaching \$ 178.95  
Jessie E. Gurnea 50.00  
Sarah Edwards 42.50  
Mary Parks 47.00  
J. K. Rassweiler 89.45  
Anna Dullinger 25.00  
Birdie C. Way 22.50  
Elizabeth Chaffield 21.25  
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Jessie E. Gurnea 25.00  
Sue Edwards 21.25  
Mary Parks 23.75  
Farmers & Merchants Bank, interest on bonds 20.00  
John L. Whitney, janitor's etc. 12.00  
W. H. Towsey, clerk service, etc. 25.00  
Central School Supply Co., dip-  
lomas, etc. 20.00  
J. K. Rassweiler, commercial  
printing, etc. 15.00  
A. H. Austin, traps 10.00  
Merta & Mochel, coal, etc. 10.00  
W. L. Singleterry, labor 9.30  
White & Williams, printing 1.50  
Sept 5 O. J. Daily, repairs 30.27  
G. E. Downer & Co., painting &  
papering 140.64  
Sept 15 J. A. Rogers, int. bonds 20.00  
W. L. Singleterry, labor 22.50  
W. H. Towsey, repairing roof 25.15  
Edith L. Neal, teaching 45.00  
Sadie A. Thompson 45.00  
Julia R. Kellogg 52.50  
Elizabeth Chaffield 45.00  
Agatha Sweet 45.00  
G. E. Downer & Co., painting &  
papering 10.00  
Oct 1 J. K. Rassweiler, expressman 12.00  
J. K. Rassweiler, freight 12.00  
W. L. Singleterry, balance on  
salary 25.00  
Nov 2 Central School Supply Co., sup-  
plies 12.50  
F. A. Addicks, tailoring, etc. 12.50  
Elizabeth Chaffield, teaching 45.00  
Agatha Sweet, teaching 45.00  
Nov 5 W. L. Singleterry, janitor servc. 32.00  
Nov 14 J. D. Bryon, varnishing desks 4.80  
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