

school reports. (For some very appropriate remarks, see Appendix.) It occupies eight pages of foolscap, all closely written.

A report should be as much condensed as possible, in order that its contents could be taken in at a glance. District reports should be presented in a tabular form and the result footed up. They fill half a dozen pages with matter that could be put on a few lines, in a tabular form. While the former method is scarcely intelligible—the latter is plain to every one.

The great difficulty among the people, in reference to carrying out the School Law, is its ambiguity. The law should be plain, and printed so that every man of common intelligence could understand it. So in reports, we want the facts arranged and stated so that all can comprehend them, without having to sit down, pencil in hand, and note the items and cull the facts, as he reads page after page of verbiage, all good enough in itself,—but of no manner of use to the public. Be concise and to the point.

The next is a Report from Jackson County, which speaks for itself:

REPORT OF JACKSON COUNTY.

HOLTON, Jackson County, K. T. }
October 13th, 1859. }

MR. S. W. GREER:—*Dear Sir:*—In accordance with the common school law of our Territory, I enclose you my annual report for the county of Jackson, K, T., for the year A. D. 1859. You will, no doubt, conclude, and that reasonably, too, upon receiving said report, that little has been done. But, upon being made acquainted with the surrounding circumstances, you will, I have reason to believe, agree with me when I say that all has been done that could have been. Our County Superintendent elect having failed to qualify, the office became vacant. The inhabitants of the county, feeling that it was necessary for their own interest, as well as the interest of their children, to have the county laid off into districts, made application, last June, to the County Board of Supervisors, praying them to appoint, or rather commend some suitable person to the Governor, to be by him appointed to said office; and I fortunately, or unfortunately, as it may have been, happened to be the person of their choice. It necessarily required time for me to qualify and acquaint myself with the school law and interest of the county, consequently there has been but little time for me to operate in, and so it has been for the officers of the districts that I have formed; hence, the reason why more reports have not been received, and my report