

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

Record of Growth of Public Schools in North Carolina for Past Five Years Compares Favorably With That of any Other State—Interesting Statistics.

The record made by North Carolina during the last five years in educational facilities compares well with that of any State in the Union, as shown by the report of the commissioner of education for the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906. The report has just come out and is very interesting.

There were 876,615 children of school age in the State—474,657 white and 401,958 colored. For the education of these children the State was spending \$1,287,375.70 annually, exclusive of \$161,363 raised by local taxation. The total amount expended for each child in North Carolina, of school age, including local taxes, was \$2.17, the average amount in United States being \$2.50. The average monthly salary of teachers was \$26.78 for white and \$22.19 for colored teachers, and in the United States the average monthly salary was \$48. The length of the public school term in North Carolina was 76.15 days; average length in the United States, 145 days.

The average value of the school-houses in the State was for white, \$231.43, colored \$136.830. Districts were without schoolhouses of any kind; 829 had log houses. In different counties of the State schools were closed during the winter on account of the buildings not being habitable.

Attention is called to the fact that a great hindrance to effective education in a state so large and sparsely populated as North Carolina is the multiplication of district schools to satisfy certain families. Nearly one half of the white school districts in the state and 44 per cent of the colored districts contain less than 65 children of school age. Another noticeable fact in connection with the report of the commissioner is that 82 per cent of the entire population is rural and agricultural, and that illiteracy among both the white and colored races is decidedly on the decrease.

The enrollment in schools for the United States for the year 1903-4 reached a total of 17,896,890, being an increase of 357,423 over the previous year. Of the total amount expended for all purposes (\$691,009,000) nearly two-fifths, or 39.5 per cent, was paid for common schools. It will be seen that the Federal State and local expenditures for education for the year 1903-4 amounted to almost one-half the cost of the national government.

Durham led North Carolina in the number of children attending school. With a population of 9,979 she had 2,714 children in school. Asheville, population 16,478, had 2,437 children in school. Charlotte, figures showing number of children attending school are not given. Concord, population 7,910, number of children in school 2,713. Greensboro, population 12,793, number of children in school 2,606. Newbern, population 9,090, number of children in school 2,067. Wilmington, population 21,344, number in school not given. Winston, population 10,864, number of children in school 1,734.

To run her schools during the year Asheville received from the State \$76, from the city, \$20,186, from the county and other taxes \$10,258, a total of \$36,420 as against a total of 29,000 for Concord; \$37,184 for Durham; \$23,000 for Greensboro; \$2,316 for Newbern; \$21,353 for Raleigh; and \$17,000 for Winston, no figure being given for Charlotte. It will thus be seen that Durham received more than any city in the State and that Asheville came next with Raleigh following.

While Durham received more for her schools, Concord expended more, being followed by Durham, Raleigh and Asheville in the order named, these expenditures being for permanent investments, teaching and incidental expenses. The figures for the different places were as follows: Asheville, \$30,186; Charlotte, no figures given; Concord, \$39,759; Durham, \$32,506; Greensboro, \$23,000; Newbern, \$8,254; Raleigh, \$30,342; and Winston, \$17,310.

Among the higher institutions of learning reported closed recently is the North Carolina College, at Mt. Pleasant.

The total value of property possessed by institutions of higher learning in the United States is \$454,216,545, a gain of almost \$33,000,000 over the amount for the preceding year. This is an instance of the growth of colleges throughout the United States.

Trinity College, at Durham, is the only institution in the State that reported gifts amounting to over \$100,000 for the year, the amount received by it being \$106,000. The total value of all gifts reported by the several universities receiving donations amounted to over \$9,000,000.—Washington Special to the Charlotte Observer.

Harrison Subscriber Writes.
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