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WITH ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS,

*For the School Year Ending August 31, 1888.*

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putting in a new floor and new desks. The house is now comfortable and convenient, but it needs a new blackboard. The house in Georgetown District, No. 10, is in very poor condition, and so poor is it, both in structure and furniture, that it is almost impossible to keep a teacher in it; the present one is about resigning for this cause.

It is to be hoped that next year will see the District in possession of a new house and well fitted up with modern furniture. District No. 33 voted money to repair her house. Districts Nos. 38 and 39 should unite and form one district, and at Jacksonville build a new house for a graded school of two teachers. Mount District, No. 40, should replace her old furniture with other of modern style. The time has also come for Buddtown to build a new house; the present one is very far from being convenient and commodious. District No. 72 needs a new house, or her present one repaired and refurnished. Districts 91, 92 and 94 need new houses and new furniture. The house in Harrisville District, No. 104, has not been rebuilt, and the school is still taught in one of the private dwellings of the place. New Gretna District, No. 107, made general repairs to her building, and it is now in good condition.

Arbor Day was spent with a good deal of enthusiasm. The exercises consisted mainly of appropriate singing, recitations, readings and lectures. Thirty-eight districts sent reports of their doings; twenty-nine of these planted trees. In some cases the people turned out and brought with them an abundance of refreshments for the children.

Township meetings were held as usual for the settling of accounts, and the discussion of matters of interest to the cause; among others was the law relating to the refunding of the balances of money in the hands of the Township Collectors to the County Collector for reapportionment. Although there was some opposition to it at first, the trustees now accept it as a matter of course. It is a good thing, for now the increase of money will have the effect of raising the teachers' salaries.

The teachers' association held ten meetings during the year, and under the superior efforts of Mr. Wilbur Watts, County Examiner, Burlington, the members as a class were thoroughly taught double entry book-keeping. So highly did they appreciate his instruction and general treatment that they presented him with a very fine gold watch and chain. He is generally self-possessed; but on this occasion he was so entirely overcome by his emotions that he was scarcely able to respond a word. The members all enjoyed it as the best joke of the season. They felt that for once he was nonplussed.

The aim of the association is to do real substantial work, and