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FREEDMEN'S SCHOOLS:

The following is an abstract of the report on Freedmen's schools in Tennessee for the month of December 1867, by Rev. D. Burt, Superintendent of Education, B.R., F and A.L.

Total of schools .....	127
Total of teachers .....	138
total of pupils .....	5,633;

paid by Freedmen toward schools,	\$ 1,533.88;
expenses by Bureau in rents,	630.99;
expenses by Bureau in repairs,	4,267.63;

cost of the schools to all parties, 7,984.64.

During the month repairs have been completed on twelve school houses, and ten (10) new teachers have been supplied all in the country. The City Schools, especially those in Memphis, have been somewhat embarrassed by the failure of their hope of realizing funds from the new school law. The expectations of the colored people had reached a high point, through the promises of the political leaders, that they should have free schools. The discount on these promises now becoming apparent, they are beginning to take up the language of job; "My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as a stream of brooks they pass away. " The troops of Africa looked, the companies of Ethiopia waited for them-- that is the legislators. They were confounded because they had hoped, and they are now beginning to turn in other directions for the foundations of knowledge.

Applications to the Bureau for aid were never so frequent as now. They come from the several sections, all over the State. We are enlarging our educational sphere, trying both to compensate for the decrease which must occur in the work of the societies, and for the disappointment which has occurred through the weakness of political

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sentiment on the subject of popular education. Which we do not hold ourselves responsible for disappointments that have resulted, from the failure of hopes prematurely excited, we shall extend aid to every such community that we may be able to help.

It is our plan to work mainly in the country, raising up new schools. The suggestion is necessary that the colored people should hold their political leaders strictly to the promises that have been made them respecting free and general schools. They will do it, and if our legislators are wise, they will soon remove the obstacles which now obstruct the motion of the machinery for schools, and see that no more of the sacred oil is used to lubricate other parts of the State machine.

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