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## Diocesan School Board

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# Twentieth Annual Report



To the RT. REV. THOMAS F. LILLIS, D. D.

Rt. Rev. and dear Bishop,

Eight years have elapsed since the last Report of the Diocesan School Board was printed. In this time a number of changes has been made in the personnel of the Board.

## Personnel

In January, 1901, the president, Rev. Thomas Downey, begged to be relieved of his office. When the School Board was organized, August 11th, 1887, the Rev. Father was appointed secretary; and he held this office four successive years. In December 1896, he was elected president. During all the years of his service as a member of the Board, Father Downey worked most energetically for the improvement of our schools. He helped not a little in the compiling of our Rules and Regulations, of the Course of Studies, and delighted in examining various text books, and in studying up new and improved methods. It was, therefore, with regret that the Board heard of his re-

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signation. But as the Rev. Father had been ailing for some time and found it impossible to devote himself to the work incumbent on the office, the Board was constrained to accept the resignation, and a resolution of thanks was tendered him for his long and faithful service. Very Rev. John Ward, Rector of the Cathedral, was elected successor, and fills the office of president to this day. The promotion of Very Rev. Father Ward, who had been treasurer, made it necessary to secure a new incumbent for this office. Rev. A. W. Jennings was elected treasurer, and Rev. Patrick McInerney selected as a new member of the Board, to fill the vacancy caused by Father Downey's withdrawal. January, 1903, the membership of the Board was increased by the addition of Rev. B. S. Kelly.

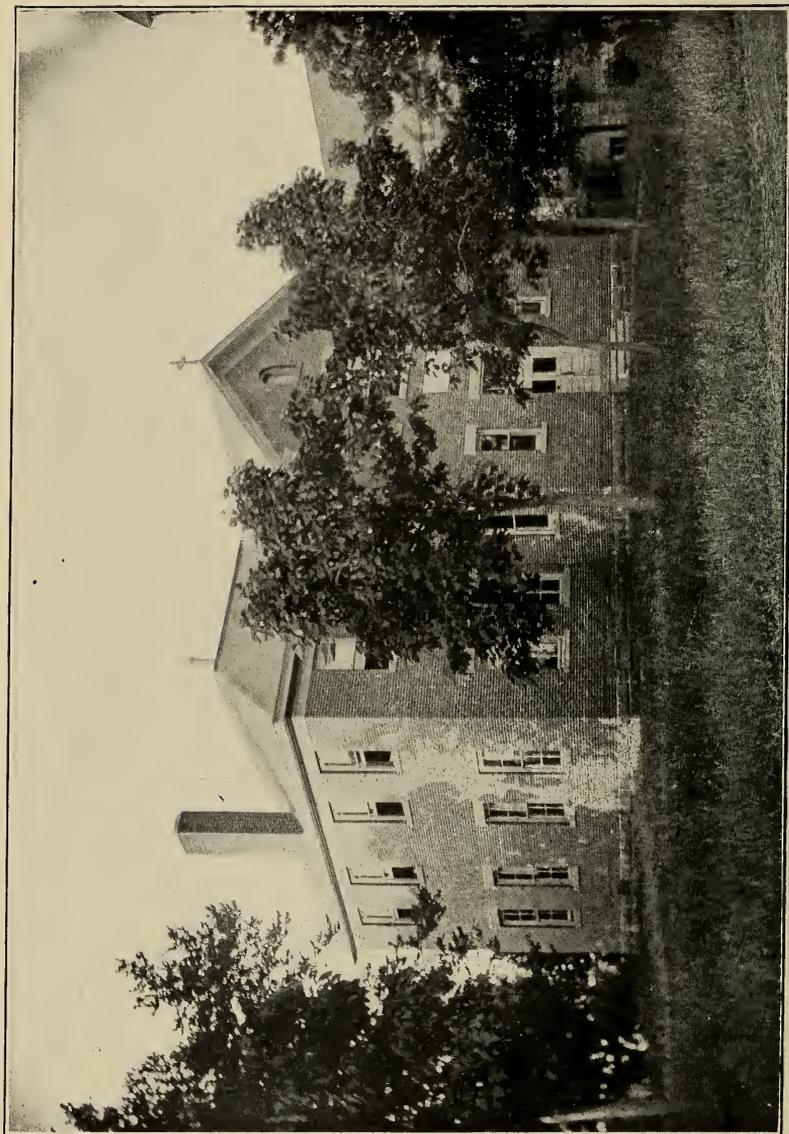
The Board sustained a great loss in the death of its secretary, Rev. Charles Stœckle, O. S. B. The deceased had been a member of the Board since 1892, and served as secretary since 1897. He was an ideal school-man, perfectly conversant in all branches, progressive, thorough and business-like. At a meeting held January 20, 1904, the Board passed the following resolutions:

“Whereas: Our esteemed and efficient colaborer, the Rev. Charles Stœckle, O. S. B., late secretary of the Diocesan School Board, has been called to his eternal reward; be it

“Resolved: That we, the members of said Diocesan School Board, in annual meeting assembled, express our sincere appreciation of his labors well done, and of his effective zeal for the promotion of Christian education in the Diocesan Schools.

“That, in recognition of his work and interest in behalf of our Diocesan Schools, we kindly request the Reverend Pastors who have parish schools, to offer up a Mass of Requiem on the anniversary, Thursday,



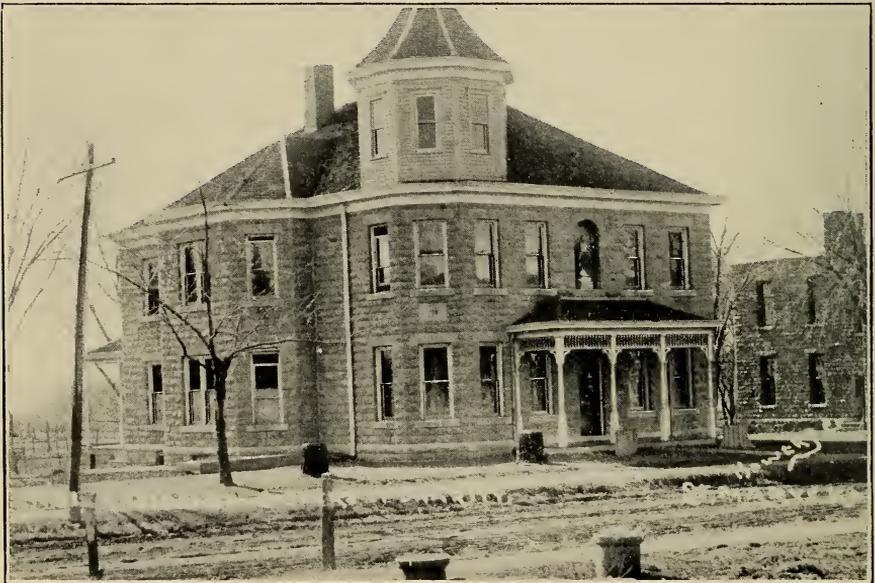


St. Theresa's School, Westphalia, Kansas.





St. Gregory's School, Marysville, Kansas.



Teachers' Residence, St. Mary's, Kansas.

April 14, 1904, and to ask the prayers of the school children for the repose of his soul.”

The Rector of St. Benedict's Church at Atchison, Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B., was appointed to succeed as secretary.

March 17, 1904, the Founder of our Diocesan School Board, Rt. Rev. Louis M. Fink, O. S. B., D.D., was summoned to his eternal reward. In his death, the whole diocese bewails the loss of one who had been their Chief Pastor for thirty-three long years, a watchful Shepherd, a powerful Leader, a loving Father, a helpful Friend, a prudent Adviser in things temporal and spiritual, a model of genuine Piety and Manly Uprightness, a true Priest of God.. And as the Board, we acknowledge him in particular as a staunch and energetic Patron of Christian education. He it was who organized the School Board, and he was its most active promoter and firmest support, and to him it is principally due that our schools enjoy a not unenviable reputation. To encourage the establishment of new parochial schools, he in the last Pastoral published, offered a personal contribution of one hundred dollars to all who would organize a new school within a year. His work for the schools as well as for the diocese as a whole was so well-planned and so thorough, that its merits will become only more evident as time passes on.

At various times Rev. H. Tump of happy memory, Rev. B. Mohan, Rev. M. Burke, Rev. Philip Williams, O. S. B., and Rev. Robert Salmon, O. S. B., kindly assisted in examining some of the schools.

Our worthy Vice President, Very Rev. John Redeker, is still our faithful colaborer and the only member retaining the same office since our last Report.



## Teachers' Examination

The first requisite of a good school is a competent teacher. It is, therefore, prescribed that no persons, religious or secular, be allowed to teach in any of our Diocesan Schools, unless they have passed a successful examination, and hold a Teacher's Certificate from the Diocesan Board. While this rule is strictly adhered to, exceptions are at times unavoidable. This occurs especially in cases when Religious, teaching in other dioceses, receive appointments to our schools at a time when examinations cannot be conveniently held. There is, however, no harm sustained by our schools in these cases, because ordinarily the teachers have years of experience, and they compete for the certificate at the next following examination. During the past year there were some teachers who had no certificate.

All teachers must undergo two successful examinations; the first entitles them to a Certificate for five years, the second to a Certificate for life, provided the profession is continuously followed.

There are three grades of Certificates:

For the *Third or Primary Grade*, issued to Assistant Teachers only, examinations are made in Catechism, Bible History, Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, Arithmetic (fundamental rules, fractions, compound numbers, percentage, simple interest), the principal events of United States History, and Vocal Music.

For the *Second or Intermediate Grade*, the examinations show a thorough knowledge of the above mentioned branches.

For the *First or Highest Grade*, the requirements are the same as for the second, and in addition, examinations are held in Ancient and Modern History, Algebra, Pedagogy, Bookkeeping, and Physiology.

Written examinations are required in Penmanship, Catechism, Bible History, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Physiology, U. S. History, Modern History, Ancient History, Bookkeeping, Algebra, and Music. Examinations in the other branches are oral.

To obtain a Certificate an average of 80 per cent must be attained, the minimum for any branch being 65 per cent.

The Certificate must be shown to the Rev. Rector in charge of the school at the beginning of each school year, and to the Rev. Examiner at the annual examinations.

The following schedule will show what work the Board has done in behalf of the Certificate examinations.

Teachers' Certificates, Issued A. D. 1900=1906

	Benedictine Sisters					Sisters of Charity					Ursuline					Seculars				
	1900	02	03	05	06	00	01	02	03	05	02	03	04	05	00	01	02	03	04	05
First Grade for Life	4	3	9	11	7		4	2	4	7	4	2								57
Second " "	1	6	2	3				12		9			1							34
Third " "	4	1	1	4	5															15
First Grade for Five Years		5	1		2							1		5						14
Second " "	1	2		1				6		21	1		1		1	2	1	1	2	41
Third " "	6	5	7	1	2	4		14	7	1			3							50
TOTAL	16	22	20	20	16	4	4	34	11	38	5	3	5	5	1	2	1	1	2	211

## Examination of Schools

Another duty of the Board is to examine all parochial schools in the diocese once every year. The single members are allotted the respective schools they are to examine. As our larger schools require more time than the Rev. Examiner may have at his disposal, it has been agreed last year that he may invite any other member of the Board to assist. These examinations are most thorough. Every child is examined in every class and every branch. The standing of each class is indicated by a note. The condition of the school-building, the playgrounds, the toilet rooms, etc. are noted. To show the thoroughness of these reports, we subjoin a copy of the blanks to be filled out by the examiners.

After examination a copy of the Report is left with the Rev. Rector of the school, and another copy is forwarded, to the secretary of the Board.

### REPORT of SCHOOL EXAMINATION for 190 and 190

Rev. .... Examiner.  
Date .....  
Name of School ..... P. O. Address .....  
Pastor .....  
Names of Teachers, with grade of certificates and time of expiration .....  
Principal .....  
Has each teacher charge of that grade or class which corresponds to her certificate? .....  
Is German taught? ..... Is the school graded? .....  
Are boys and girls taught separately? .....  
How many boys on school roll? ..... How many girls? ..... Total? .....  
What is the average daily attendance? .....  
When did the present school term begin? .....  
When will the present school term close? .....  
What were the total receipts of the past school year? .....  
From tuition? \$ ..... From other sources? \$ .....  
What were the expenses for the past school year? .....

- For teachers' salaries? \$..... For incidentals? \$ .....
- Have the text-books adopted for the Diocese been introduced? .....
- If not, why?.....
- Children's papers?.....Names of papers and number? .....
- How many volumes in the school library?.....
- Are the school registers properly kept? .....
- (The examiner will inspect registers in person.)
- How often are reports of conduct and class standing sent to parents? .....
- What is the condition of the school buildings? Are they well lighted and properly heated and ventilated? .....
- Are the black-boards sufficient and in good condition? .....
- Are there a sufficient number of maps and charts? .....
- What is the condition of the school grounds, water closets, etc.? .....
- (The examiner will make personal inspection.)
- Is the manner of serving Mass taught?.....
- Give the average standing of each grade or class (on the scale of 100) in the following branches:

STUDIES	GRADES							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Catechism.....								
Bible History.....								
Reading.....								
Spelling.....								
Penmanship.....								
Arithmetic.....								
Geography.....								
Grammar (Language) .....								
Composition.....								
Singing.....								
Physiology.....								
Physical Culture.....								
U. S. History.....								
Modern History.....								
Ancient History.....								
Bookkeeping.....								
Algebra.....								

GERMAN:

Reading.....Spelling.....Writing..... Grammar .....  
Give the average standing of the school as a whole .....  
What is your general impression of the school? .....  
Rev.....Examiner.

The Board has faithfully complied with its duty of examining the schools. Still, as the Tabulated Report shows, not all were reached.

The school at Alma was not examined. It is taught only every alternate year, the children attending the district schools the other terms.

The school at Fidelity is conducted at times, and only for some months. This is done especially when there is a class to prepare for First Holy Communion, the Rev. Pastor himself not infrequently holding the office of teacher.

The school at Flush was not examined. It had been conducted as a district school for five months of the year, and for three months as a parish school. Last year was the first time that it was exclusively a parochial school.

At Shawnee the school term had come to an end before the Rev. Examiner had expected it, and the examination was missed.

Paxico's examination happened to be overlooked last year. An Assistant Examiner usually attends to this, and it was neglected to make the proper appointment.

The Rev. Examiners, being ignorant of the Polish and Croatian languages, considered themselves incompetent of securing a just estimate of the standing in the schools of St. Casimir at Leavenworth, and of St. Joseph and St. John at Kansas City, and therefore omitted the examination. But the Rev. Rectors have put in their claims, and request the School Board

in future to examine at least the branches taught in English; and this will be done.

Wea is exclusively a district school, but is enume-

### Tabulated Report of the Schools

Place	Name	Pastor	Teacher		Pupils		
			Religious	Secular	Boys	Girls	
Alma	Holy Family	Rev. E. A. Kamp,		1	13	17	30
Argentine	St. John	Rev. L. J. Beck	3		83	70	153
Atchison	St. Louis	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O.S.B.	6		153	109	262
Atchison	Sacred Heart	Rev. Odilo Otott, O.S.B.	2		43	45	88
Emporia	Sacred Heart	Rev. Berthold Staubach, O.F.M.	2		23	33	56
Fidelity	St. Augustine	Rev. Francis Pottgiesser		1			
Flush	St. Joseph	Rev. Francis Humdt		1	24	28	52
Greeley	St. John Baptist	Rev. F. Scherer	2		47	24	71
Horton	St. Leo	Rev. Jos. Hildebrand	2		36	62	98
Kansas City	St. Anthony	Rev. Leo Molengraft, O.F.M.	5		124	133	257
" "	St. Benedict	Rev. Philip Williams, O.S.B.	6		142	123	265
" "	Blessed Sacrament	Rev. B. S. Kelly	3		70	64	134
" "	St. Bridget	Rev. B. A. Mohan	2		50	57	107
" "	St. John (Croatian)	Rev. M. Krmpotec	2		40	45	85
" "	St. Joseph (Polish)	Rev. A. Smietana	2		35	40	75
" "	St. Mary	V. Rev. A. Kuhls	6		185	165	350
" "	St. Thomas	Rev. A. W. Jennings	8		221	238	459
Kelly	St. Bede	Rev. Edwin Kassens, O.S.B.	2		33	33	66
Leavenworth	Cathedral	V. Rev. John Ward	6		150	158	308
" "	St. Casimir (Polish)	Rev. John Grudzinski	2		45	32	77
" "	Guard. Angel (Negro Or.)	Rev. Jos. A. Shorter	2		43		43
" "	Holy Epiphany (Negro)	Rev. Jos. A. Shorter	2		16	18	34
" "	St. Joseph	Rev. Ferd. VanderStay, O.C.C.	4		119	106	225
" "	Sacred Heart	Rev. R. B. Groener	2		59	64	123
" "	St. Vincent (Orphans)	Rev. John Weiter	1		23	30	53
Marysville	St. Gregory	Rev. A. Redeker	2		37	52	89
Olpe	St. Joseph	Rev. Samuel Gelting, O.F.M.	2		65	68	133
Paola	St. Patrick	Rev. M. Burke	2		30	32	62
Paxico	Sacred Heart	Rev. A. Wieners	3		75	65	140
Rosedale	Holy Name	Rev. A. Dornseifer	3		73	74	147
St. Benedict	St. Mary	Rev. Anthony Baar, O.S.B.	2		45	46	91
St. Mary	St. Mary	Rev. J. P. DeSmedt, S.J.	7		126	149	275
Scipio	St. Boniface	Rev. Alph. Brandtetter, O.C.C.	3		57	56	113
Seneca	Ss. Peter & Paul	Rev. Lawrence Theis, O.S.B.	5		119	92	211
Shawnee	St. Joseph	Rev. Theo. P. Schwam		1	28	22	50
Topeka	Assumption	V. Rev. F. M. Hayden	4		120	106	226
" "	St. Joseph	Rev. F. Henry		3	84	86	170
Valley Falls	St. Boniface	Rev. Jos. Sittenauer, O.S.B.	1		10	13	23
Wathena	St. Joseph	Rev. J. Bollweg			18	23	41
Wea	Holy Rosary	Rev. Jos. Hohe	2	1	20	20	40
Westphalia	St. Theresa	V. Rev. J. Redeker	2		46	39	85

rated among the diocesan schools, because it is taught by Ursuline Sisters.



## the Diocese of Leavenworth

Teachers	German taught	Examined	Support	Sufficient	Examiners
lar	Yes	No	Tuition	No	
dictine		Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. A. W. Jennings.
"	No	Yes	Tuition	No	V. Rev. J. Ward, Rev. A. W. Jennings.
"	No	Yes	Tuition	No	V. Rev. J. Ward, Rev. A. W. Jennings.
ciscan (P.A.)	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	V. Rev. J. Redeker.
lar	No	No	Tuition	No	
lar	Yes	No	Tuition	No	
line	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	V. Rev. John Redeker.
dictine	No	Yes	Free	Yes	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B.
"	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. B. S. Kelly, Rev. A. Dornseifer.
"	No	Yes	Tuition	Yes	Rev. A. W. Jennings.
ity	No	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. P. McInerney.
"	No	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. A. W. Jennings.
ous Blood		No	Tuition	No	
ciscan (St.L.)		No	Free	Yes	
ity	No	Yes	Free	Yes	Rev. B. S. Kelly.
oseph.		Yes	Tuition	Yes	V. Rev. J. Ward, Revs. B. S. Kelly, B. Mohan.
dictine	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O.S.B.
ity	No	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. B. S. Kelly, Rev. P. McInerney.
ian		No	Tuition	No	
tes	No	Yes	Charity	No	V. Rev. John Ward.
tes	No	Yes	Charity	No	V. Rev. John Ward.
ity.	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B.
"	No	Yes	Tuition	Yes	Rev. A. W. Jennings.
"	No	Yes	Charity	No	V. Rev. John Ward.
dictine	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B.
ciscan (P.A.)	Yes	Yes	Tuition	Yes	V. Rev. John Redeker.
ine	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	V. Rev. John Redeker.
dictine	Yes	No	Tuition	No	
"	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. B. S. Kelly.
"	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B.
ity	No	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. B. S. Kelly, Rev. Robert Salmon, O.S.B.
e dictine	Yes	Yes	Free	Yes	V. Rev. John Redeker.
"	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B.
ar	Yes	No	Tuition	No	
ity	No	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. B. S. Kelly.
ar	Yes	Yes	Tuition	Yes	Rev. A. Dornseifer.
e dictine	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B.
ar	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. Gerard Heinz, O. S. B.
ine	No	No	Public	Yes	
e dictine	Yes	Yes	Tuition	No	Rev. M. Burke.

### Other Work of the Board

The Board is at present occupied in revising the Rules and Regulations, and the Course of Studies and hopes to have them ready for publication soon. We know that changes in text-books work hardships and prove expensive, and therefore make them only when necessary. St. Benedict's Catechisms are no longer in print, and the Baltimore Catechism was introduced in their place. Benziger's German Readers and Bible History were found easier, more progressive and attractive than the ones used, and were introduced. For various reasons we try to keep the same text-books as the State Schools have in arithmetic, language, grammar, geography, algebra, and physiology. With the exception of Hoenschel's Complete Grammar, all the text-books of the common school course were changed this year by the State, and consequently we too changed in the above-named branches. The text-books to be used in 1907 are:

Catechism. Council of Baltimore Catechism.

O'Brien's Advanced Catechism.

Bible Charts —Herder.

Bible History —Gilmour — Benziger

Readers —Primer —Catholic National Series —Benziger

First-Reader “ “ “ “

Second “ “ “ “ “

Third “ “ “ “ “

Fourth “ “ “ “ “

Fifth “ “ “ “ “

New Speller and Word Book — “

Supplementary Reading —Selection by the Teacher  
from the Lakeside Classics —Ainsworth & Co.

Penmanship — Palmer

Language — Southworth's Lessons in English, Book 1.	
—Crane	
Hoenschel's Complete Grammar—Crane	
Arithmetic —Myers-Brooks Elementary Arithmetic	
Crane	
Brooks Grammar School Aritmethic—Crane	
Algebra —Marsh Elementary “ “	
A School History of the United States — Benziger	
Krohn's Graded Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene—Crane	
Geography —King's Primary “	
“ King's Grammar School “	
German—Biblische Geschichte — Benziger	
Fibel “	
I. Lesebuch “	
II. Lesebuch “	
III. Lesebuch “	

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### Support of the Board

The expenses of the School Board are paid by the parishes and missions of the Diocese. The examiners and officers receive nothing for their services or time. The net expense of their rail-road fare is refunded them by the treasurer upon the presentation of an itemized bill. The single parishes and missions are assessed on the basis of one dollar for every twenty-five families. These assessments are paid to the Rev. Treasurer by the first day of September each year.

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### Financial Statement

We give a summarized account of our finances from the date that the present Rev. Treasurer received the books. It will appear that little attention was paid to the school-tax for a few years. This is to be ascribed

to an extent to the conditions which will naturally arise during an interregnum in a diocese. And since there were no extraordinary expenses for printing Annual Reports, Courses of Studies, etc., no effort was made to secure the payment of assessments.

**RESOURCES.**

Cash on hand, Feb. 17, 1901, .....	\$ 44.22
Cash from assessments in 1901, .....	111.00
"    "    "    1903, .....	33.00
"    "    "    1904, .....	4.25
"    "    "    1905, .....	253.00
"    "    "    1906, .....	255.50
"    "    "    1907, .....	32.00
<u>Total, .....</u>	<u>\$732.97</u>

**EXPENSES.**

Expenses of 1901, .....	\$71.45
"    1903, .....	81.74
"    1904, .....	1992.
"    1905, .....	14.05
"    1906, .....	24.37
"    1907, .....	343.30
<u>Total, .....</u>	<u>\$554.83</u>

Total Resources.....\$732.97

Total Expenses.....554.83

Balance Cash on hand.....\$178.83



### Noteworthy Events

A new school was opened at Rosedale in September 1901, the parish erecting a good, substantial building, including suitable living apartments for the Sisters.

The building of St. Thomas School, Kansas City, was by far too small to accommodate the pupils, and in the summer of 1902, a magnificent structure was erected of brick, containing eight school-rooms, and a vast exhibition hall, which is temporarily used as the parish church. St. Thomas is the largest parish school in the diocese.

St. Joseph's Church and School of Kansas City, was completely destroyed by fire in 1902. This was known as the Polish parish, but was attended also by persons of other nationalities. Two new congregations sprung up in the same part of the city, namely St. John's and St. Benedict's. St. Joseph's still has two religious teachers and 75 pupils.

St. John's School is for the Croatians and was founded in 1903. They are now erecting an immense brick school-house of eight rooms, worth \$7000. and will take possession of it this fall.

St. Benedict's School of Kansas City, has a promising future. The part of the city in which it is located, is being thickly populated, and while the school is in existence only five years, the number of pupils has increased from 173 to 265.

And still another new school was established in Kansas City since our last report: September 1904 the school of the Blessed Sacrament opened its doors to 56 pupils, and it has now 134.

At Topeka, the school for the negroes was discontinued in 1901 for lack of patronage.

In 1899, the negro orphan boys moved into a beautiful home in the suburbs of Leavenworth, dedicated to the Holy Guardian Angels. The school of the Holy Epiphany in the city is continued. An adjoining lot and frame house have been purchased this month which will serve for the higher grades.

St. Roch's School, Leavenworth, was examined for the last time in 1902. It had been conducted merely as a convenience for the children living around St. Mary's Academy. Deeming it, however, to be of greater benefit to the pupils to attend the regular parish schools in the city, St. Roch's was discontinued.

While our last Report already announced the closing of the school at Fort Leavenworth for the fall of 1899, it was kept up five years longer. But the civilians moving away, the number of pupils became so small, it finally had to close doors, though it was done only reluctantly. St. Casimir's school, for the Poles in Leavenworth, though not mentioned in our last Report, is in existence since 1894, and is taught by the Felician Sisters.

Another school, whose discontinuance was announced in our last Report, has fortunately been enabled to open its doors again. It is St. Leo's at Horton. The population of this city depends much upon the industry in the rail-road shops located there. As work had been slack, many people moved away, and the number of pupils became so small that it was deemed necessary to close the school. But lately conditions improved, and in fall of 1906 class-work was resumed. The people are so appreciative of this that they unhesitatingly withdrew their children from the public and district schools, and entered them into the Parish School. There is one family that puts eight of its children every morning into a carriage and sends them to school though they live six miles away. Another pleasing feature is the fact that St. Leo's is conducted

as a free school, tuition fees being required only from those pupils whose parents do not pay pew-rent.

St. Mary's, Kansas, erected a beautiful rock residence for the teachers in the summer of 1901. While the children of this parish attend the district schools till they are ready for the third grade, St. Mary's School has the distinction of being the only school in the Diocese that has a complete high-school course including the eleventh grade. Among the branches examined are rhetoric, literature, civil government, geometry, Latin, and The Rev. Examiner justly remarks: "The parish has reason to be proud of this school."

In 1901 a new school was opened at Paola in a suitable two-story brick building.

Kelly is a small settlement consisting chiefly of Catholic farmers who have moved from the vicinity of Seneca and St. Benedict's. As good, practical Catholics, they would not think of purchasing land or locating here until they first had the assurance that a church be built and a parish school be opened at once. Consequently both buildings were forthwith erected, and the school, under the patronage of St. Bede, opened September, 1903. The first year there were thirty pupils, the next forty-eight, the next, sixty, last year there were sixty-six, and the prospects are that Kelly will continue to flourish.

One of the beautiful new school buildings is at Westphalia. It is of brick and serves as a comfortable home for the Sisters. It was completed in 1906 and costs \$7000..

Marysville pupils moved into their new school in September, 1906. It is a substantial brick building with all modern improvements. The second floor serves as the Sisters' house, and is arranged so that pupils living farther away can remain as boarders.

Valley Falls is one of the old missions of the diocese, a small brick church 20x40 feet, having been built as early as 1871. Small as it was, it was large enough to hold the parishioners. There was no increase. Not much could be done, unless more good Catholic families could be induced to locate there. But as such families will not go where there is no Catholic school, the little parish engaged Sisters to teach, hinged boards to the rear of the church pews, making them serviceable for school-desks, and began school in November, 1904, using the same room for church and school. The venture was an experiment, and while only twenty-three pupils attended last year, the hopes for success are so sanguine, that a beautiful new cement block church is in course of construction, and the old edifice will serve as school exclusively.

Effingham has fitted up an old Protestant Church and will have a Sister to teach this fall.

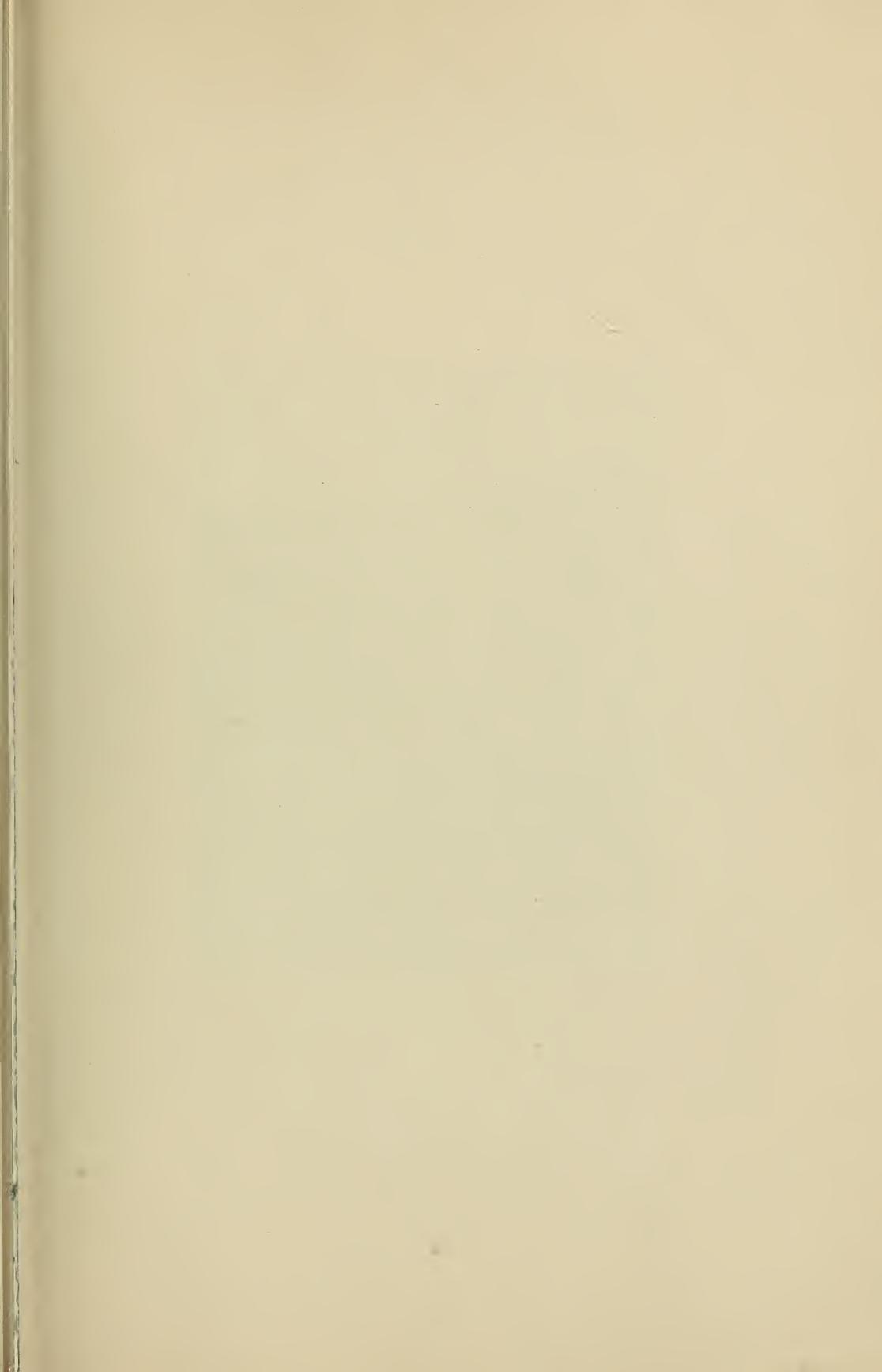
Purcell is erecting a large brick building and expects to open up a school by November of this year.

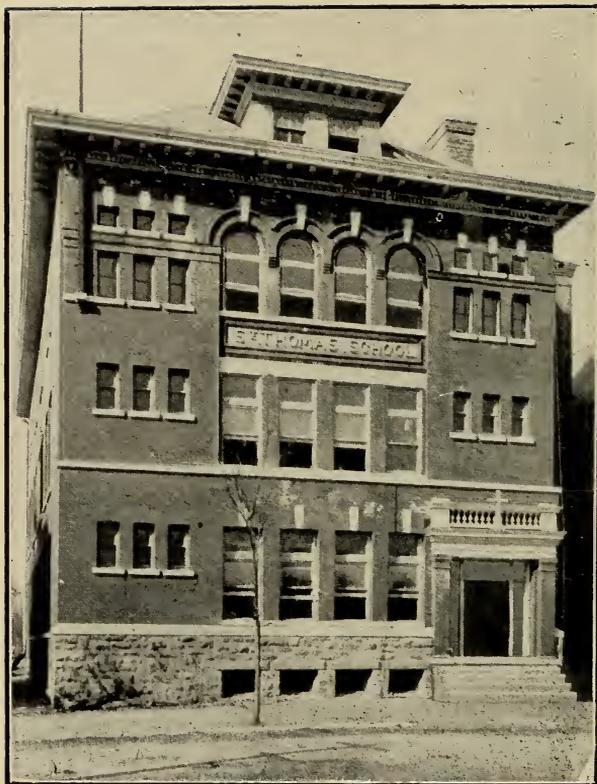
Seneca is constructing an eight thousand dollar residence for the teachers. The last Report credits this school with two teachers and eighty-one pupils. An earnest effort was made to induce also the children living within four miles in the country to attend. The success was remarkable as there are now two hundred and eleven pupils and five teachers.

Emmet will soon have a beautiful and large building completed to receive its pupils. It is a large stone building, three stories high, and will cost \$6000.

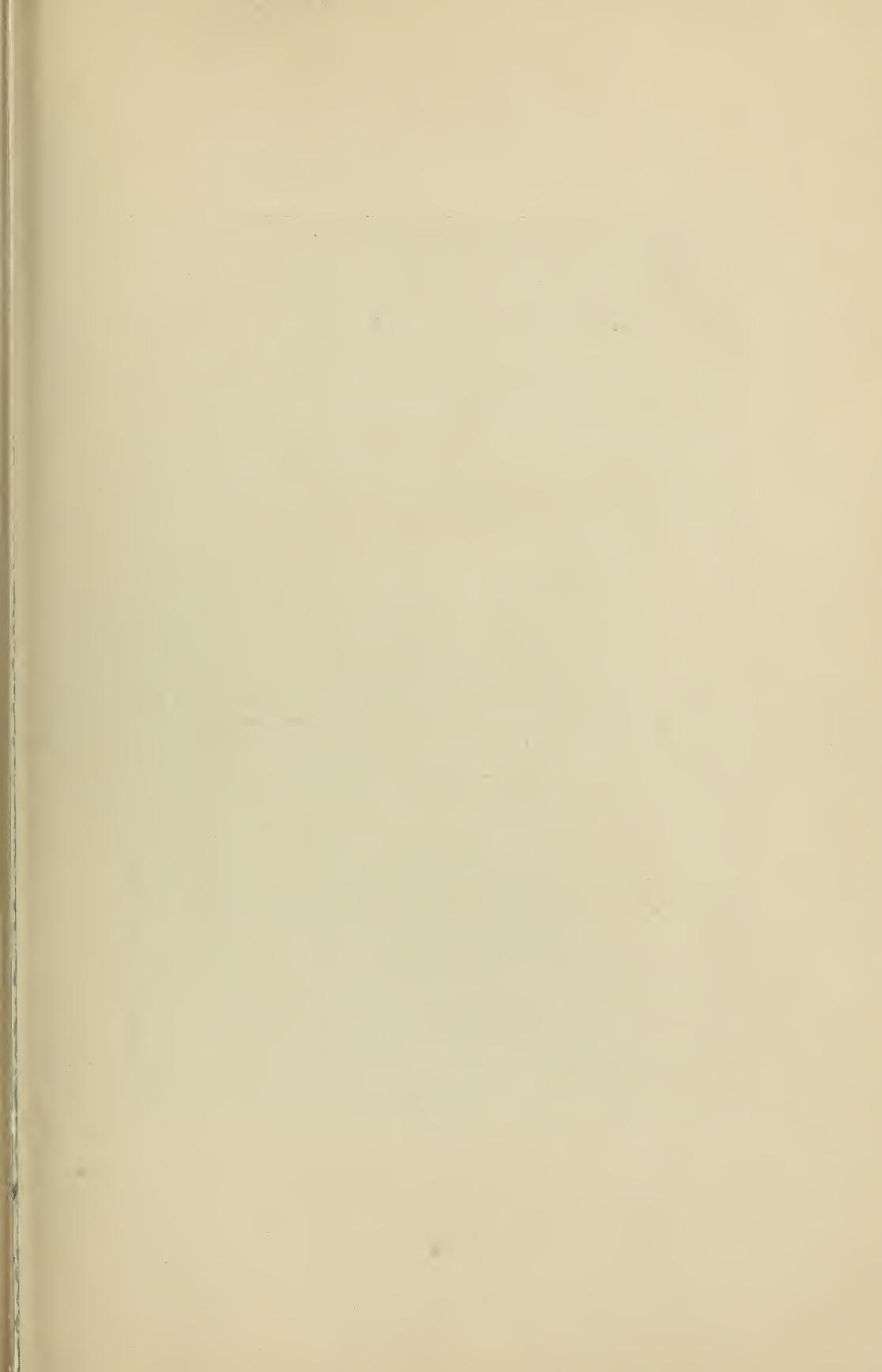
Only recently the Sisters of Assumption School, Topeka, moved into their beautiful new house which cost \$8000

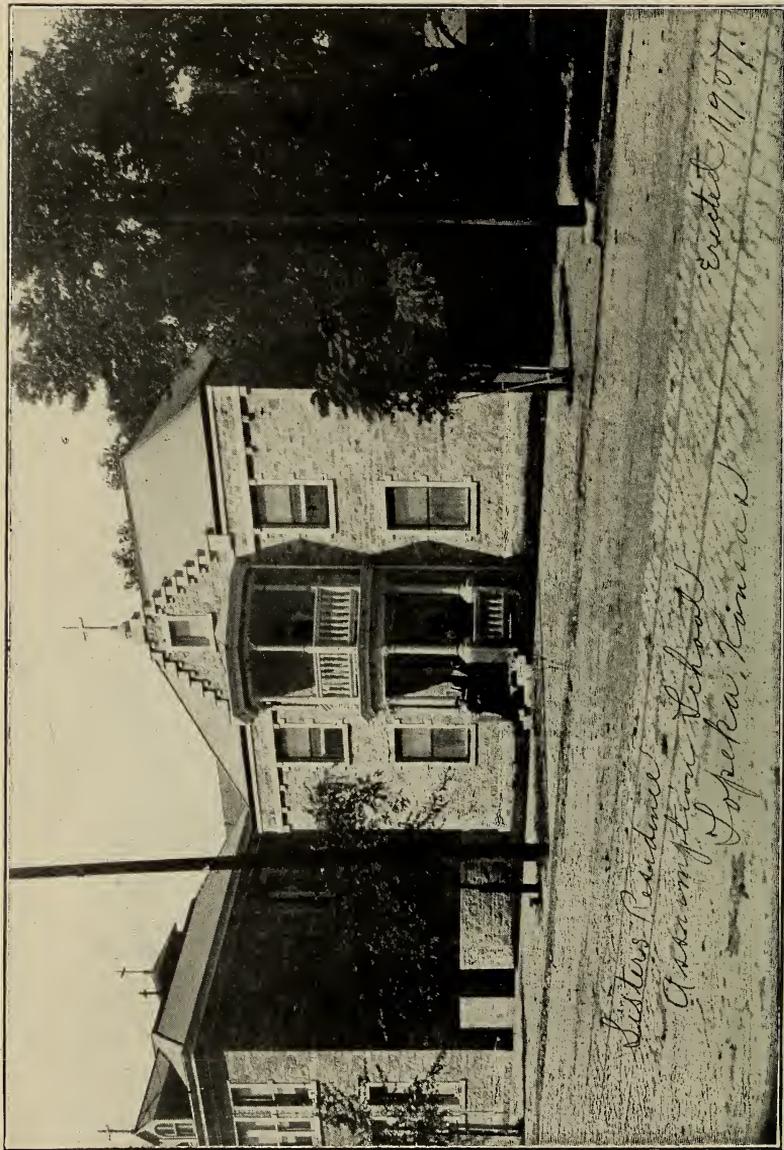
The Rt. Rev. Bishop has been invited to Eagle Creek to bless a new school-house. It has two rooms and is worth \$5000.—





St. Thomas' School, Kansas City, Kansas.





Teachers' Residence, Assumption School, Topeka, Kansas.

## Resume 1899=1907.

### Schools discontinued:

- (1) St. Roch, Leavenworth.
- (2) The Assumption School for Negroes, Topeka.
- (3) St. Ignatius, Fort Leavenworth. — Total 3.

### New schools established:

- (1) St. Benedict, Kansas City.
- (2) Blessed Sacrament, Kansas City.
- (3) St. John, for Croatians, Kansas City.
- (4) St Bede, Kelly.
- (5) Guardian Angel, at Negroes' Orphan Asylum,  
Leavenworth.
- (6) St. Patrick, Paola.
- (7) Holy Name of Jesus, Rosedale.
- (8) St. Boniface, Valley Falls.
- (9) Holy Family, Alma.
- (10) St. Augustine, Fidelity.
- (11) St. Joseph, Flush.
- (12) Holy Rosary, Wea. — Total, 12.

School reopened: —St. Leo, Horton.

Not appearing in last report: —St. Casimir, for the Polish  
Leavenworth.

### Schools to be opened in the fall of 1907:

- (1) Emmet.
- (2) St. Anne, Effingham.
- (3) St. Mary, Purcell.
- (4) Eagle Creek. — Total, 4.

	1899	1907
Number of Schools,.....	28	41
Number of Religious teachers,.....	67	110
"    secular teachers,.....	8	8
"    boy pupils,.....	1,828	2,730
"    girl pupils.....	1,724	2,637
Total number of pupils,.....	3,552	5,367
Schools in which German is taught,.....	15	20
"    "    Polish    ".....	1	2
"    "    Croatian    ".....	1	1
"    examined,.....	28	32
"    not examined,.....	3	9
Free Schools,.....	3	4
Schools for Negroes,.....	2	2
Receipts from tuition.....	\$11,434.34	\$16,138.52
"    from other sources,.....	2,945.00	6,525.05
Expenses for teachers salaries,.....	14,005.10	23,918.27
"    incidentals,.....	1,381.35	6,143.24
Average cost per pupil,.....	4.30	5.60
Number of Schools taught by Benedictine Sisters	9	15
"    "    "    Sisters of Charity	8	9
"    "    "    by Franciscan Sisters of P. A.,.....	1	2
"    "    "    by Polish Franciscan Sisters of St. L.,		1
"    "    "    by the Oblate Sisters,.....	2	2
"    "    "    by Croatian Sisters of PP. Blood,.....		1
"    "    "    by the Felician Sisters,.....		1
"    "    "    by the Sisters of St. Joseph,.....	1	1
"    "    "    by the Ursuline Sisters,.....	1	3
"    "    "    by Seculars,.....	6	6

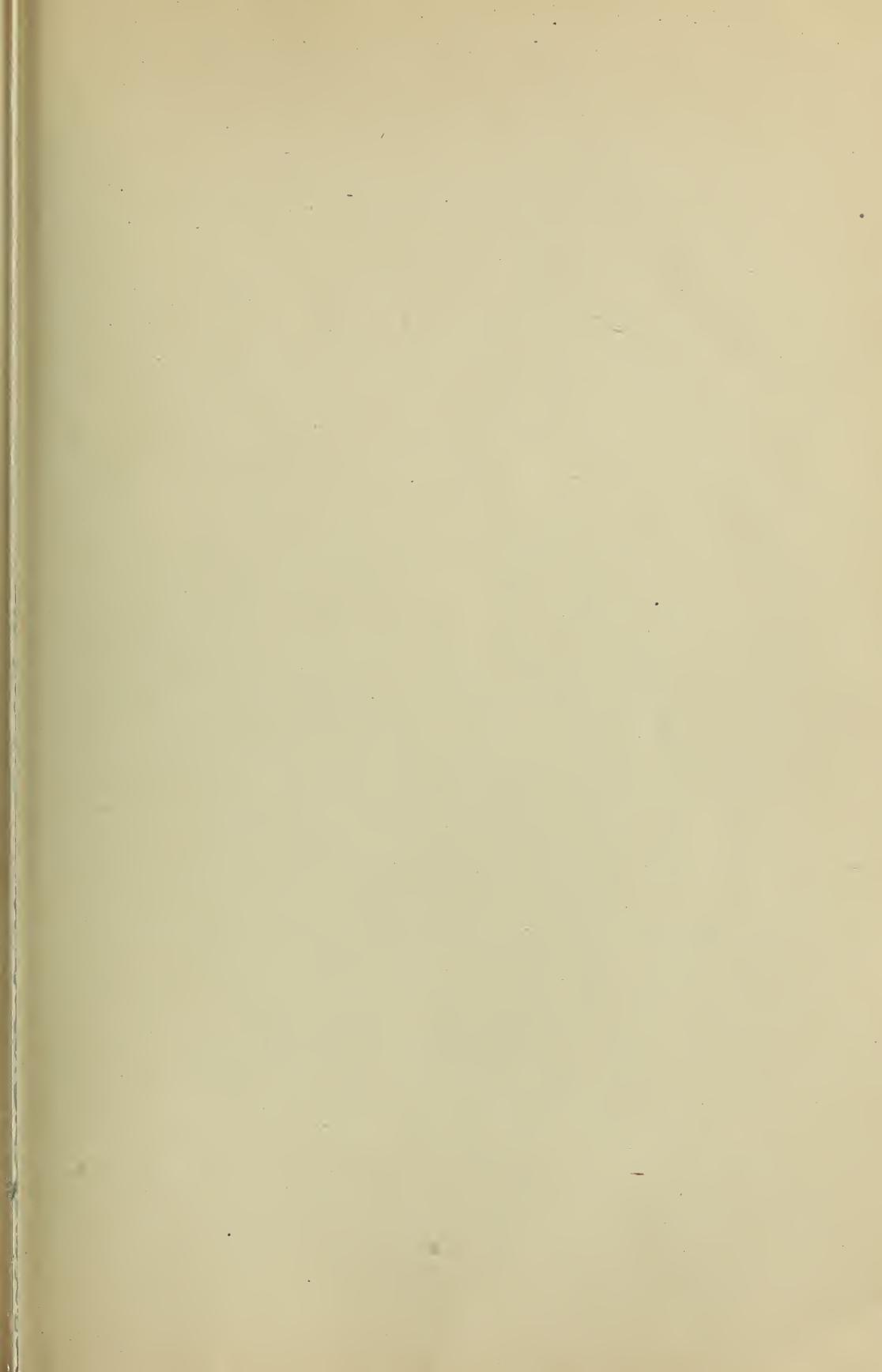
In conclusion the BOARD begs to express its grateful appreciation to the Rev. Rectors for the cordial welcome extended to the Rev. Examiners, and it truthfully asserts that in all places it found the Rev. Pastors and the Teachers intensely interested in the progress and welfare of their schools. And in your Lordship, Rt. Rev. Bishop, the Diocesan Schools acknowledge their best friend and their firmest support, the worthy successor of Rt. Rev. Louis M. Fink, and the BOARD hereby extends to you its sincere thanks for attending its meetings so regularly and taking so active a part in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

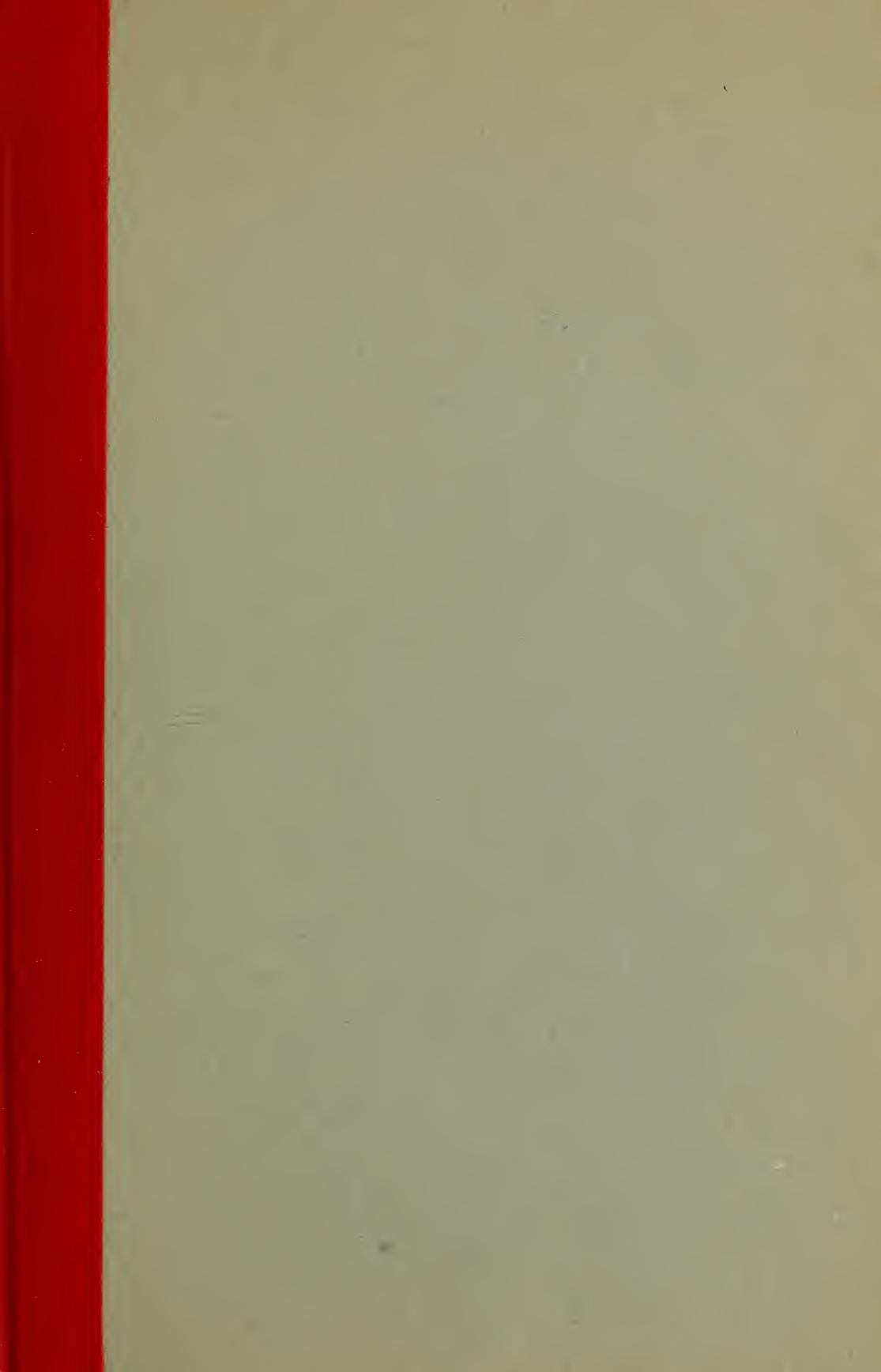
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