

## School Items.

The small percentage of absences is quite noticeable this year. We hope this will continue throughout the year. There is also a slight decrease in the tardiness as compared with last year. Now is the time for parents to aid the teachers in instilling habits of punctuality in the children.

The attention of the school patrons is respectfully invited to the report cards which will be sent out monthly, in the intermediate and grammar departments. Examine these cards, see what your boys and girls are accomplishing; then come and confer with the teachers, and co-operate with them in securing better results, if you are not satisfied with the report.

New shelves for the encyclopaedia, and a stand for the library case are among the anticipations of the pupils in the higher room.

Those few who discouraged the attempts to found the library last year, may change their views upon reading the following:

Three hundred and forty books have been taken from the library since it was first opened, and during the past nine months. Many of the books having been read by several persons, when thus taken out, it would not be out of the way to say that five hundred books have been read in this village during the past nine months, that would not have been read save for our library. The value of this reading cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, but any right thinking person can see that the library has already paid for itself, and for the work in getting it together. An effort will be made this year to encourage the reading of the books in connection with the studies, and also for special exercise purposes, and the assistance rendered by a little moral suasion on the part of the parents in furthering this scheme will be duly appreciated.