

NIGHT SCHOOLS.

YEAR.	Number of Night Schools.	Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.
1892.....	32	62	2,293	506
1893.....	28	65	2,062	522
1894.....	25	54	1,937	444
1895.....	31	56	2,130	443
1896.....	21	41	1,349	329
1897.....	18	37	1,406	317
1898.....	18	42	1,504	363
1899.....	16	37	1,026	262
1900.....	12	21	795	165
1901.....	12	22	800	194
1902.....	11	17	670	170

There were four Art schools in operation in 1902. In connection with and under the control of the Department of Education were 306 public libraries, with 535,528 books, and about 40,875 members. Their property was valued at \$426,104, with liabilities of \$28,458. Besides these there were 140 free libraries, with upwards of 604,864 volumes and 131,917 readers, with assets amounting to \$725,773 and liabilities \$116,469.

The second Friday in May in each year has been set apart under the name of Arbor Day, for the purpose of planting trees and improving the school grounds. In 1902, 10,333 trees were planted and 14,270 plants set out.

The following table gives the number of teachers receiving superannuation allowances, and the amount paid to them, during the years 1880-1902—

SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS. 1880-1902.

YEAR.	Number of Teachers on List.	Expenditure
		\$
1880.....	391	48,229
1881.....	399	49,130
1882.....	422	51,000
1883.....	422	51,500
1884.....	443	54,234
1885.....	423	55,003
1886.....	440	58,791
1887.....	454	58,295
1888.....	472	58,290
1889.....	457	60,365
1890.....	463	62,105
1891.....	456	61,080
1892.....	456	63,751
1893.....	459	63,685
1894.....	442	64,046
1895.....	435	63,800
1896.....	430	62,597
1897.....	424	62,800
1898.....	420	64,352
1899.....	423	63,682
1900.....	418	63,871
1901.....	414	64,251
1902.....	407	64,245