

The year just closed has been one of the most trying we have ever experienced since our connection with the schools in the capacity of Superintendent. The almost continuous rains for eight months of the year, were productive of much illness, and at many times it was almost impossible to continue the work in some of the departments. Scarlet fever and smallpox were also diseases which found their way into our ranks and were productive of much anxiety and serious illness. The compulsory law for vaccination brought a duty not easily met, but was through the extreme kindness and thoughtfulness of our patrons, carried out to almost completeness.

The difficulties to be met in such an herculean task were overcome in a great measure by the Board authorizing the following circular, and each child being furnished a copy for the parents:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Jan. 5, 1882.

*Vaccination Order.* [Circular No. 50.]

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY.

*Springfield, Dec. 1, 1881.*

At a special meeting of the State Board of Health, held in the city of Chicago, on Tuesday, November 22, 1881, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That by the authority vested in this Board, it is hereby ordered, that on and after January 1, 1882, no pupil shall be admitted to any public school in this State without presenting satisfactory evidence of proper and successful vaccination.

[OFFICIAL.] JOHN H. RAUCH, M. D., Secretary.

The above notice was received and is authority for the order issued through the columns of the city press, requiring all pupils to be vaccinated.

The time for complying with the order has been extended to January 25th, 1882. In order to execute the order with the least trouble and inconvenience to the patrons, the Board of Education have deemed it best to send a circular of information to each family represented in the public schools.

We bespeak for the carrying out of this order the same thoughtful-ness and readiness which has always been manifested by the patrons

when a matter of vital interest has been presented to them. The following is an abstract of circular which the Board of health have issued, and directions they deem admirable to follow, to fully execute the order:

1. Pupils must present a certificate of vaccination from a reliable physician.
2. If, in any case, the certificate of the physician performing the vaccination cannot be obtained, then the scar must be examined, and if found satisfactory by the examining physician, he may issue a certificate thereupon. If the scar is not satisfactory, then a re-vaccination must be performed.
3. Girls over twelve, and boys over fourteen years of age, who were vaccinated *previous* to the ages of above named, must be re-vaccinated, no matter how satisfactory the scar may be.
4. If the vaccination be a failure, the pupil must furnish a certificate of vaccination with the word "failure" written upon it, to indicate the result.
5. If the vaccination be a failure, the operation must be repeated at intervals of a fortnight, until successful, or at least until five tests have been made.

Any persons desiring further information upon the subject are cordially invited to call at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, in the High School Building, on North street, between the hours of 8:30 and 9:00 A. M., or between 4 and 5 o'clock P. M.

This circular issued by direction of the Board of Education, this day of January, A. D. 1882.

SARAH E. RAYMOND, Secretary.

The close of the school year was the close of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the public school system under the present charter. It was decided to celebrate the event in a proper way, and an excursion to Boyle's Grove was inaugurated, with a programme, to be rendered by members of the Board past and present, together with the High School Alumni.

The following programme was announced, but owing to the unfavorable condition of the weather, many of those who had signified their intention of going and filling their appointment in the exercises were unable to do so:

1. Music by the band.
2. Prayer—Rev. R. E. Guthrie.
3. President's address.
4. Roll Call—Sarah E. Raymond.
5. Paper by Mrs. J. N. Ward, a teacher of Bloomington in 1842.
6. Music—Auld Lang Syne.
7. Address—Rev. George W. Minier, a teacher of Bloomington in 1845.
8. Address—Hon. Adlai Stevenson—The Schoolmaster of Bloomington.
9. Address—Dr. Hewitt—The Normal University.
10. Address by Dr. Roe.
11. Music by the band.
12. Address—Mr. Kersey Fell.
13. Address—Rev. Robert Conover.