

of activities, its wider opportunity for obtaining information from all the states and from foreign countries, is able to do that which not even the richest states can do, and with the distinct additional advantages that the information thus obtained is used for the immediate benefit of all our people.

With the limited means hitherto provided, the Bureau of Education has rendered efficient service, but the Congress has neglected to adequately supply the bureau with means to meet the educational growth of the country. The appropriations for the general work of the bureau outside education in Alaska, for the year 1909, are but \$87,500—an amount less than it was ten years ago, and some of the important items in these appropriations are less than they were 30 years ago. It is an inexcusable waste of public money to appropriate an amount which is so inadequate as to make it impossible properly to do the work authorized, and it is unfair to the great educational interests of the country to deprive them of the value of the results which can be obtained by proper appropriations.

I earnestly recommend that this unfortunate state of affairs as regards the National educational office be remedied by adequate appropriations. This recommendation is urged by the representatives of our common schools and great state universities and the leading educators, who all unite in requesting favorable consideration and action by the Congress upon the subject.

Brevities

Eight new pupils arrived on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bender took Wilbur Martin to the dentist last Friday.

The ice cream sociable on Tuesday evening was given for the football benefit.

The tiniest hole in the stocking is receiving attention—Christmas must be near.

Miss Florence Hutchinson left Tuesday morning for Seattle to take her annual leave.

Registered packages are coming in with North Pole postmarks and Santa Claus' finger marks on them.

Howell Breeden is the latest addition to the blacksmith force. The "Uncle Sams" wish him success.

Mrs. Campbell made a flying trip to Portland Monday, returning with numerous parcels and packages.

The tailors and carpenters were busy this week making the canvas curtains for the sides of the sanitarium cottages.

Mr. Smith had a heart to heart talk with the battalion officers in his office the first of the week, emphasizing their responsibilities.

Mrs. Theisz and her detail have been mysteriously engaged behind closed doors the past week. Looks like Santa must be around somewhere.

The reading room in Brewer Hall was opened and made ready for use this week and Albert Garry will have charge of the same. Contributions of papers, magazines and periodicals will be gratefully received.

Asst. Superintendent Campbell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Larsen, and the officers held a meeting in chapel after the industrial lecture, for the purpose of improving the battalion and strengthening school discipline.