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Gov. Brown, chairman of the Board of Education of this city, said in a speech to the City Council that his Board was doing no more for the education of the negros than they were compelled to do. They have simply employed ten lady teachers, while they have employed over forty (several of them males) for the whites. They have built three school buildings for the whites but have neither built nor hired one for the colored children.

They have supported a high-school for the whites but none for the negros.

The railroads fail to provide suitable accommodations.

When our pupils returned to their homes last summer they were obliged to ride in a low filthy uncomfortable car put close to the engine before the baggage car & filled with smoke & cinders.

There were among them young ladies as cultivated refined & sensitive as are formed anywhere.

Our school is under the auspices of the Mr. Mrs. [Assn?]. I will mail you a catalogue. I shall be glad to give you any information at any time, and especially to receive suggestions from you.

Yours very truly

Thos.M.Chase