

but these funds are placed beyond the control of every parent and guardian in the State; those who bear the burdens are denied all share in their direction.

Mr. George advocated his amendment. The people of Baltimore wanted their own system secured to them by constitutional enactment. They did not want it left to the dangers of log-rolling in the Legislature.

Mr. Howard said gentlemen from Baltimore did not seem to care what became of the counties so they got their own system. He wanted this Convention to place the seal of condemnation on this present outrageous system. He did not hesitate to say that it was odious to the people of Cecil county; that the standing of the teachers was not as high as under the old system, and that the means of education were limited, although the expenses had been so enormously increased.

Mr. Barnes said if there was anything dear to the people of Baltimore, it was their system of public schools. That system had grown step by step for forty years, until now the scale of education was as high as that of any institutions of learning in the country. They desired their own system, but they did not want to interfere with the counties, and on this point his friend from Cecil, (Mr. Howard,) was mistaken. They were perfectly willing for the counties to have any system which suited them.

Mr. Kilbourn explained that the report of the committee did not provide for a uniform system, but that it would be competent for Baltimore to have a separate system, if she desired it.

Mr. Stoddert was disappointed at the action of the committee. The people of Charles county felt more on this subject than on any other, and they had looked to the Convention for relief.

Mr. Gill had been in favor of the report of the committee, but after hearing the debate he had changed his mind. He was here as a representative of the city of Baltimore to watch over and protect her interests, and he would not consent that one atom of the school system of Baltimore should be disturbed. He wanted that system intact, wanted it a separate system, and was not willing that it should be left to legislative discretion. He was