

have done; and consequently did not meet my eye until within the last week. I now answer it as a mere apology for my seeming neglect.

Our educational system may be seen by a reference to the laws of Alabama, which are deposited in the Department of State, of the several States. We have a University endowed with \$250,000, 6 per cent State stock, a small annual revenue from rents, &c.

We have a 16th section school fund, amounting to more than a \$1000,000, invested in 6 per cent State stock. This fund being in common, but to the townships in proportion to the sum at which their respective sixteenth section, sold, is doing but little good, especially in the poor districts where it is most needed.

In Mobile and the larger towns, the common school system of education, if properly managed succeeds very well, but in the sparsely populated parts of the State, it has not hitherto promised very beneficial results.

The lands given us by Congress, for the establishment of a "Seminary of Learning," have not yielded one-half the sum at which they could have been sold, owing to the unwise and extraordinary legislation in respect to them. But the fund is now well secured. The same remark will apply to many of the 16th sections.

I am sure this information will be worth nothing to the Convention, even if it had not adjourned—even as matter of history, it is hardly worth reading.

With great respect, I have the honor to be your obed't servant,
H. W. COLLIER.

Which were severally read.

The President also laid before the Convention a petition from sundry citizens of Washington county, praying that provision may be made in the new constitution, that the privilege to sell intoxicating liquor shall not be granted to any person in any part of the State, except the same shall first be sanctioned or approved of by a majority of the votes in the district where the same is to be sold.

Which was read, and

Referred to committee No. 14.

Mr. Dorsey, moved that committee No. 14, be discharged from the further consideration of the several petitions referred to said committee on the subject of the License Laws, and that the same be referred to a select committee to be appointed by the Chair.

Determined in the affirmative.

The President also laid before the Convention a report from the clerk of the Levy court of Kent county, in relation to the fees allowed the Attorney General and his Deputies by said county.

Which was read, and