

Board, should not, in this County at least, have a district in charge. The general work itself is, at present, more than one man can well do, for each School should be visited often. From the peculiar topography of the County, it would pay, after one visitation in each year by the President, to place the upper section in the hands of an assistant. The Schools in that section, or in any other, cannot be deferred till summer, for the children go to School in winter and work on the farm in summer. 3d. At present Commissioner Districts are too large, or compensation for the labor required is too small. It is true we have now too many Schools, but even when the number is properly reduced, the districts will still be too large. Men with any business on their hands, cannot afford to leave it for \$3 per day, and men with no business are not sufficiently plenty to attend to the School business, or even if they were plenty, such men have generally no business because they are not fit for any.

In this report I speak of the people generally, *i. e.* as a mass. There are many happy individual exceptions to the general condition. I would, however, impress the thought, if possible, *that in our present condition it is almost of no use whatever, in the absence of School-Houses, to undertake anything.* Though this report and the printed form hereto attached, speaks of "School-Houses," it is in every case in an accommodated sense. *We have, literally, not one School-House in the County.* There are, perhaps, half a dozen approximations, but the closest approximation is here, in Mt. Savage, and it is so small it will not accommodate one-fifth of the children. *We have no School-Houses, and in their absence many of our best exertions come very near absolute failures.* We cannot introduce good furniture into such houses, for it would soon be ruined. I would earnestly recommend that a tax sufficient be levied for building School-Houses; or, if this cannot be done, that the Board be empowered to borrow money sufficient; or, if this cannot be done, then that our Schools be closed for two or three years, and the money be spent in building School-Houses.

Respectfully,

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Pres. Board, Allegany County.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

In accordance with your request, I herewith submit the following report of the workings of the Public School System in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

The condition of the Schools generally, under the old system, was by no means encouraging. The Trustees whose duty it was to procure and appoint Teachers, were often selected without reference to their qualifications for the office, and without regard to the interest they might feel in the success of Public Schools. The