

force of this reasoning, we respectfully call your attention to the difficulties presented in regard to the collection of this debt, of \$16,000, due to the School Fund by the County, and hope you will secure for us such further legislation as may be needed, to recover it as promptly as the wants of our Schools require. My acquaintance with the present School Law, leads to the belief, that in all essential features, it has the machinery necessary to a good working system; and with such modifications as experience will suggest, will be entirely adapted to our wants.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. R. QUINAN,
Pres. Bd. S. Com. Calvert Co.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

The old School System, as conducted in this County, was of such a mixed character that it becomes a difficult matter to report on. Some Schools were supported by local taxation; some by subscription; while others depended entirely upon the State appropriation.

Thus almost every School District had a law of its own—so far as Schools were concerned.

There are 35 School Houses in the County—34 of which are frame, and one brick. Four of these houses are in good, sixteen in ordinary, and fifteen in bad condition. Five are furnished with desks and seats, and one with maps.

We have tried, *but in vain*, to get a report from former Trustees. So far we have been unsuccessful, and therefore have to submit this incomplete report to your consideration.

Our County School Board has labored under many disadvantages by not having a regularly constituted, active President. The President elect holding the office, but not discharging the duties thereof—while the President pro tem. was not properly so constituted as to justify his giving that attention which the Schools required.

The whole number of Schools in operation for the term ending November 15, was 35; the number of boys in attendance was 369; the number of girls, 382; total 751. The amount paid for teachers' salaries was \$1952.75, and the amount paid for incidental expenses was \$94.38. Text Books are purchased by the pupils.

M A. BOOTH,
President Board School Com'rs Caroline Co.