

am persuaded that sufficient interest on this subject can never be awakened in all sections of the County; and that, as the Board must be the instrument of the law for carrying out its full purpose and design, its revenues must be made equal to the task of supplying every School District with material aid in this enterprise, if the system is to be made as it should be, perfect and efficient.

In regard to the questions presented as the *fifth topic* named in your communication, I reply to the first query that the Board have adopted, for the last and the current term, the scale of salaries in force under the late County system, viz:—For Schools of from 15 to 25, a salary of \$30 per Term, and gradually increasing up to \$135 per Term for a School of one hundred pupils and over. Assistant Teachers are paid \$30 to \$50, according to the size of the School.

Special provision is made for the large Schools at Elkton and Port Deposit, leaving the subject of adjusting the scale, as suggested in the by-laws, for further consideration.

The Board supplies the books and stationery to the Schools, and charges each pupil a fee of fifty cents per term, if able to pay.

Number of boys attending School for the Term ending	
November 15, 1865, - - - - -	1,248
Number of girls, - - - - -	1,347
	2,595
Total, - - - - -	2,595

Aggregate amount paid for Teachers' salaries, -	\$6,327.49
Amount paid for incidental expenses, - - -	708.85
	\$7,126.34

Number of pupils paying book and stationery fee,	2,184
Number supplied without charge, - - - - -	401
	2,595

In this connection it may be proper to remark, that the introduction of a new series of Text Books has subjected us to heavy outlay to supply the Schools. It is believed, however, that the receipts on this account for the current and following term, will reimburse the treasury the amount withdrawn from it for books and stationery, if a vigilant supervision is exercised.

In reply to the interrogatory which forms the *sixth topic* suggested, I may say that we cannot keep the Schools open more than three terms during the year with our present revenue; and it is now manifest that we can only do that for the present year, by continuing a floating indebtedness incurred by the late County Board.

The efforts of that Board to gratify the many demands upon them for building and repairs, and for other outlays in that direction, which should have been provided for to a greater or less extent by local contributions involved them in obligations amounting to some