

each Commissioner, will of course render his labors more arduous, but as increased compensation is provided for, the service, it is believed, will be better performed; while the general supervision provided for in the duties of the President of the Board, if that officer be faithful to his trust, cannot fail to be productive of the best consequences. The benefits of this feature of the system, are already seen in the manifest interest exhibited by both Teachers and Scholars in the visits of that officer.

The instrumentalities provided in the law for rearing up a supply of well-trained Teachers, and for aiding those already employed to improve themselves in the duties of the important profession they have chosen, are regarded with especial favor.

The High School continues to be well attended, and is doing a good work. Its organization, however, remains as originally established under the County system, unchanged. My desire is that it shall be re-organized at an early day, under the auspices of the State Board of Education, as the law requires. At present the whole responsibility of its management rests upon my shoulders, and as my duties are in other respects sufficiently onerous, I am anxious to have such relief in that direction as the law provides.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. ELLIS,  
*President.*

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### CHARLES COUNTY.

SIR,—The Board of School Commissioners for Charles County, organized July 11th, 1865 and appointed Daniel W. Hawkins, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

The State Board not having issued, at that time, a Code of By-Laws for the government of the Schools, the County Board determined that the Schools should be opened the first of September, prepared temporary rules for their government, and advertised accordingly.

Applicants for Schools were examined by me. Commissioners appointed Teachers holding my permits. I was careful not to give permits when the applicants did not come up to the standard required by the law. Almost the whole of August, and a part of September were devoted to examining applicants. The result is, we have had twenty-seven Schools taught during the Fall term, and eleven applicants for permits have been rejected. There are thirty-five School Houses in the County, all of which I think, will soon have Teachers. In attending to the duties of my office previous to November 15th, I have travelled in private conveyance two hundred and eighteen miles, and have held public examinations in every School of the District of which I am Commissioner. As President of the Board, I have visited every District, but have not been able to visit all the Schools. The different Commissioners have been holding examinations in their respective Districts.