

order and system to be brought out of chaos and confusion. The work has only commenced, but it is a *great thing* that it *has commenced*. Years of patient, unremitting labor will be required to accomplish it; but by the blessing of God, with wise and judicious legislation and the co-operation of the people it can be done.

The consequences of our defective system of Public Education are painfully apparent in the large number of persons in the County who can neither read nor write. A great interest is felt in some sections of the County in the success of the present system of Public Instruction, and the people are willing to aid in sustaining it; in other sections they are indifferent to its success, but as its superiority over the old Common School System becomes more apparent, the interest will increase, and I hope soon to see a gratifying change in public sentiment. Forty-five schools have been opened and are in successful operation; we will require from eight to ten more to supply the wants of the people, and these will be opened as soon as we can procure Teachers, build houses, and make other necessary preliminary arrangements. In the schools during the term ending November 15th, were taught 1,000 pupils. Twenty-nine males and sixteen females are employed as Teachers. The Board paid as salaries of Teachers for the term, the sum of \$3,021.37, and for incidental expenses \$403.22. The Board adopted a system of graded salaries. Fixing the minimum at \$75 per term, the maximum at \$115. For fifteen scholars or less down to twelve, \$75 per term. For each additional scholar between 15 and 25, \$1 50 per term extra. Between 25 and 35, \$1 per term extra. Between 35 and 45, 75 cents per term extra. Between 45 and 60, 50 cents per term extra. The text-books are ordered by each Commissioner for his District from the State Board of Education, and distributed by him to the schools as they are required, charging the Teacher with all books delivered, and at the end of each term he is credited with all books returned to the Commissioner. The schools are supported by the State tax of 15 per cent. on the \$100 of taxable property authorized by the Act of Assembly passed January, 1865, and the County levy authorized by the local law for the support of Free Schools in the County, which will be repealed from and after the 1st day of January, 1867.

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| The State tax appropriated to this County amounts to | \$13,145 67 |
| The County levy to | 4,000 00 |

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| Total | \$17,145 67 |
| Deduct from this, appropriations to School Houses, | 4,000 00 |

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| | \$13,145 67 |
| Deduct estimated insolvencies, | 300 00 |

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| Estimated balance to be appropriated to Schools, | \$12,845 67 |
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The Schools can be continued with the present income, a little more than two terms.