

6. The Schools can be continued three terms with the present income, and may be kept open for four, if the last quarterly payment of School Tax be equal in amount to the first.

7. The law is on the whole a very good one. Some amendments and additions are needed. The District should be taxed for the erection and repairs of School-Houses, for furniture, and for repairs done the same. At present there is no fund from which these can be secured. There must be some provision looking towards enforcing regular attendance upon Schools. The Presidents of the larger Counties are overworked; and, with all the zeal and energy they may possess, it will not be possible for them to perform fully all the duties devolving upon them. No man, fitted for such a position, would be attracted by the salary offered—yet there is no reason why his labor of love should be one so wearisome and exhausting. Chapter IV. of the law might be so modified as to leave it discretionary with the State Superintendent to assign a smaller number than fifteen School Districts to the President, and indeed to relieve him altogether from the practical duties of a Commissioner District, if he were to ask such relief.

My report has been thrown very hastily together, after two weeks hard work in examining Teachers. It may not be what you want. It is not such as I wished to send. I designed in it to say, that the new system is a great improvement on the old—that a spirit of interest in the Schools has been making itself more and more prominent every day in our County—that the Schools are largely attended—that the people have made very little objection to purchasing the Text Books selected by the State Board—and that some fruit has already been secured as a reward for hard and earnest labor:—and, on the other hand, that we want School-Houses, School-furniture, and ornamental appliances for the outside and inside of our Schools—more time at the command of the President to visit his Schools—and more Teachers imbued with an enthusiastic love of their calling—men to whom Fichte's expression—“*The Teachers they shall shine like the stars!*” might be applied.

SIR—Allow me to append the following paragraphs to my report of 23d instant.

*State Normal School.*—The first section of the Chapter regarding the Normal School, provides that “it shall be located in the City of Baltimore until the Board of Education otherwise direct.” I propose to give some reasons why the Board of Education should “otherwise direct.”

1. The City Council of Baltimore have refused to take action with reference to providing a suitable building for the uses of this School. This will make it necessary for the Superintendent to rent buildings for the purpose.

2. The expense of living in Baltimore will be so great as to confine the advantages of the School to citizens of that city, whose