

the Schools. Without supervision, as every practical man knows, a large portion of the School revenue is spent without any benefit to the children or the State. Such was emphatically the case under the old systems. There was no responsible head, no person who had time or inclination to examine the children, or ascertain whether teachers properly discharged their duties. There was no uniformity in methods of teaching, little regularity, for systematic discipline. It is in School as in any other branch of industry. The supervising eye is needed, needed as much where children are taught, as on the Farm, or in the Factory, where laborers and artisans work.

As the State has ordinarily, no right to any man's time, without proper compensation, and as few men can give their time without remuneration, it is not only sound policy, but duty to pay for public services rendered. To each Commissioner, a per diem of \$3, is allowed, the whole amount in any year not to exceed \$100, a sum scarcely sufficient for actual expenses, certainly a small return for the time taken from regular daily work.

Out of the salaries of the Presidents, personal and traveling expenses when on visitation through the County are paid. These deducted from the gross receipts, leave a balance little more than the per diem of a Commissioner, for which are performed all the duties of County Superintendent, Examiner of teachers and pupils, purchaser and distributor of Text books and Auditor of accounts. The Presidents in the larger Counties devote their whole time to the work, and by frequent visits for examining pupils and inspecting School houses, and addresses to parents and children, accomplish good, not to be estimated by dollars and cents. But such argument is not needed. To object because the State pays for work done for the public, is unreasonable. Every man should be fairly paid for public services, and held to a strict accountability. School officers like other men, need food and clothing for themselves and families. Their time is their money. They now labor for the children, at a loss to themselves. Some of these gentlemen have been working nearly 18 months, without receiving one dollar of their salary.

Such ought not to be the fact anywhere.

SALARIES OF PRESIDENTS.

County.	Name.	Amount.
<i>Alleghany.</i>	J. M. Shober.	\$1200
<i>Anne Arundel.</i>	F. R. Anspach, D. D.	850
<i>Baltimore Co.</i>	R. C. McGinn.	1200
<i>*Baltimore City.</i>	J. N. McJilton, D. D.	2000

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