

### TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Frequent remark has been made concerning the cost of the School system and specially the heavy expenditure for travelling expenses of the Superintendent.

It is proper therefore to state that the whole annual expense of the Superintendent's office for Fuel, Light, Postage, Stationery, Janitor, &c., is limited to \$800, including personal and travelling expenses. During the past year the distance travelled was over 6500 miles and the entire expenditure less than \$300.

For the ability to keep expenses within this limit, the State is indebted to the liberality of the Rail Road Companies and the hospitality of citizens.

### PRIVATE ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS.

For the purpose of exhibiting as nearly as practicable all the educational facilities of the State and enable the General Assembly to form an estimate of the means provided for the intellectual development of all classes of children within the State, a record is presented by Counties of the Private Schools and Academies.

The tables which follow those showing the condition of the Public Schools, give the number of pupils attending these private institutions, the number of teachers employed, the cost of tuition, and, when practicable, the value of School property.

Taken together with the record of Public Schools, they present a reasonably accurate statement of all the Schools in Maryland.

The reports of Colleges show the facilities for higher education presented by denominational Institutions.

The labor to collect this information has been great, but is considered well bestowed; as in no other way could the facts be presented by which to estimate the extent of the field which the State School system has to occupy. In some of the counties private Schools have been discontinued for lack of patronage, parents finding it to their interest and the good of their children to send them to the Public Schools. By no surer criterion can the progress of the State School system and its adaptability to the wants of citizens, be judged, than by the advance it makes in placing itself where formerly private Schools were popular. When comfortable School houses are erected and conveniently furnished the public Schools will become the Schools for the entire population in the Agricultural Districts and in many of the smaller towns. Already are citizens helping, by private contributions, to build good houses and supplementing the salaries paid by the Boards of School Commissioners, that well qualified teachers may be