

SCHOOLS FOR COLORED CHILDREN.

On this subject I have no suggestions to make in addition to those contained in the preliminary report. I believe it to be the duty and interest of the State to provide opportunities of education for all who live within her borders; and therefore repeat the recommendation, that separate Schools for colored children to be under the control of the School Commissioners, be established in every district where 30 or more pupils will regularly attend.

While nothing has yet been done for this class by the State, it is gratifying to know that the colored people, appreciating the advantages of education, are doing what they can for themselves, aided by liberal contributions from benevolent individuals, and the Baltimore Association.

In the course of my official travels, I have visited some of the Schools sustained by this Association, and cheerfully bear testimony to the good order which prevailed, the neatness of the larger portion of the children, and their remarkable aptness to learn.

The following statistics are furnished by the Secretary of the Baltimore Association for the moral and intellectual improvement of the colored people:

Total number of Schools for Colored persons.....	73
In the City of Baltimore.....	22
In 19 Counties.....	51
Number of pupils registered	7,300
In the City.....	2,500
In the Counties.....	4,800
Average attendance.....	5,645
Number of teachers.....	78
Number of months Schools were open.....	9
Total expense of 73 Schools, including Books, Furniture and Supervision.....	\$52,515 14
Average cost of each School.....	719 38
Average salary of each teacher.....	364 46
Cost of each different pupil.....	7 19
Cost of each average pupil.....	9 31
Cost of each different pupil per month.....	80
Contributions to sustain the Schools were received from	
Citizens of Baltimore.....	\$ 7,179 47
Appropriation of City Council.....	5,964 35
Associations in other States.....	15,701 55
" Friends " in England and Ireland	3,848 58
Colored people in the State.....	9,821 19
Loan	10,000 00

The teachers of these Schools are trained for the special work of teaching, and subjected to a rigorous examination before taking charge of a School.