

the Schools, spending generally half a day at each, and in addition about half that number of visits to School house sites, and in the accomplishment of this work have travelled 4401 miles, 2700 miles chiefly on horseback. Now, as I said, I do not know how all this compares with the work done in other counties, but one thing is certain, a great deal of time has been consumed in the saddle, and on the road, which might have been spent to advantage in the School room. It is true, I might have saved some of these miles, if I had known as much before I started as I did when I got back. But in a County 100 miles long by an average of 10 miles wide, it is not easy always to get information unless one goes for it, and then one will often have far to go, and in a County, where there are no sign-posts to guide a traveler, one will often go further than there would otherwise be need of.

Most certainly however, if the whole County is continued under one President, he should be released from the care of a district. In this County, the President has frequently to be away from home two weeks at a time, sometimes it may be longer. Things in his district occur during these intervals, demanding his attention. Then when he gets home, the general work is delayed, or plan of visitation is broken up in order to attend to the particular work of the district. In a variety of ways the work of the Commissioner interferes with the work of the President, and the County could not help gaining by relieving the President of the labors of a Commissioner.

What I wish however, to impress is this, that for a proper administration of the School law in this County, the territory should be divided. The President should not have so large an area, the Commissioners should have smaller districts. There has long been talk of making two Counties out of Allegany. Whether the time has arrived for carrying such a contemplation into effect, I do not know, but certainly nature has divided it, and so far as School purposes go, the time has come for division.

I am all the more free in expressing my convictions relative to this matter, in that I have now no personal interest in it whatever. I anxiously desire to see Allegany County prosper, mentally, morally and socially as she has done, to all outward appearance, physically and commercially. She ought to prosper. There is no people naturally better endowed. The material is here, often not worked at all, often badly worked, still it is here, and all it wants is proper development and culture. Knowledge, mental, moral and social culture, are an unspeakable blessing to any people; much work remains to be done up here. May God give wisdom to all concerned, to do it well.

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