

ty, and two of those have been built by the liberality of a few citizens. One at Preston with two rooms sufficiently large for the accommodation of sixty scholars each, with neat and substantial Iron framed desks with folding seats. The building was constructed according to the plan provided by the State Board of Education, and reflects great credit upon the very enterprising gentlemen who have manifested so much zeal in the cause of Education. A young man has taken the responsibility of building a comfortable school house and has now in active operation a good school. Thus the work of Education is progressing. I have consulted influential gentlemen of both political parties from the different districts in the County, who have expressed their approbation of the present Public School law. Those gentlemen I regard as representatives of the sentiments of the people. Some modification of the law will doubtless be required, and will be submitted to the General Assembly during their present session.

We have no High School in Caroline County, nor do we think it would be expedient to attempt the establishing of one at this time. To meet the demands of the advanced pupils, we have located in each Commissioner district a graded school, to which are admitted from every part of the district those who measure up to the standard required by the County Board. In those schools are taught the higher branches, approximating the High school studies. To meet the additional expenses of said schools, we have divided the academic fund between the several schools of this class. These advanced schools are located at Greensboro', Denton, Preston and Federalsburg. Our teachers have organized associations which meet monthly, and are attended with much interest. The first and second district association was organized more than a year ago; the third and fourth districts have organized their teachers' association recently.

We have discovered "in the hands of former Trustees" of the first Commissioner district, some three hundred dollars in money loaned out on security; we desire the appropriation of this money to the building of school houses in the districts where it properly belongs.

To make the public school system more efficient in Caroline County, we need:

1st. Some general plan by which to secure funds for building and furnishing school houses. To meet this object the citizens of the several districts are willing to be taxed "by special taxation" to raise the amount necessary to build a suitable house and furnish the same, each district for its self.

2nd. The people are not satisfied with six hours tuition daily, and ten months per annum. To meet this objection we would recommend two daily sessions of four hours each dur-