

ing the Spring, Summer and Fall terms; the Winter term to remain as it now is; and the dividing of eleven months into four equal school terms. The holidays to remain as they now stand provided for, and the month of August to be set apart for vacation.

The statistics in our Annual Report show that we have kept open the schools the four terms without any County levy, "except eleven hundred dollars to pay school Commissioners," with a decided improvement over any former system in this County, and with less outlay per pupil except for books, which has been somewhat greater, but not in proportion to value received. Give to our schools the means for building good houses, and under the judicious supervision of the State and County Boards, the second year under the State school system, will be crowned with such results as to give satisfaction to every unprejudiced mind that it is a wise and judicious law.

M. A. BOOTH,
President Board of School Commissioners.

CECIL COUNTY.

Board of School Commissioners of Cecil Co.,
December, 1866.

REV. L. VAN BOKKELEN,

State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dear Sir:

Having transmitted to you on the 15th of October last, a report of the Public Schools of this county according to the forms supplied to me from your office, and having this day transmitted a special report of the High School Academy and private schools in the county, upon the blanks furnished for that purpose, I proceed to submit a more general report of such matters concerning the Public Schools of Cecil County and the cause of Public Instruction, as from their character and importance seem to require such notice. And first with regard to the three topics suggested in your circular No. 6, dated September 24, 1866:

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st. In reference to the first of said topics, I beg leave to report that the High School, as organized under the former or county system, and reported to your department in my communication of December, 1865, was, with the consent and approbation of the State Board, continued under its then existing organization until the 20th of July last, when the