

In default of native teachers we must have resort to those from other States. If there be any subject that is peculiarly and essentially *catholic*, it is education, and State lines will neither fit nor unfit one for the business of instructor. Wherever talent can be had for our schools, then those having them in charge should unhesitatingly seek for assistance in this grand work of educating the rising generation. Wherever talent is united with an honest, enthusiastic love of our Country and its free institutions, then we can predict successful teachers will be found who shall be ready to perform what is laid down in the school law as the duty of all teachers—"to impress upon the minds of youth committed to their instruction, the principles of piety and justice, loyalty and sacred regard for truth, love of their country, humanity and benevolence, sobriety, industry and chastity, and those virtues which are the basis upon which a Republican Constitution is founded,"—to lead their pupils into a clear understanding of the tendency of these virtues, to preserve the blessings of liberty, promote temporal happiness and advance the greatness of the American Nation."

During the year our teachers have formed an Association, which has already held some very enthusiastic meetings, an effort has been made to render these instructive and practical. It is proposed to secure the benefits of an Institute without adopting the name. The attendance is optional with the members, but this feature is very valuable as it enables the Commissioners to find out what teachers are anxious to improve themselves. Such teachers will never be found absent from these meetings unless the best possible reasons prevent them.

In closing this report I feel gratified that I can say much has been done during the past year; but it will still be a task of great magnitude to perfect the school system so that every child shall have the advantages of a thorough education offered it gratuitously, such education being provided for by the property of the State. It has been well said by the State Superintendent, that the support of Jails and Penitentiaries, or of Public Schools must rest upon the wealth of the State, a lover of his country will speedily decide which he would prefer to support.

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#### HINTS TO TEACHERS.

*Prepared for the teachers of the Public Schools of Frederick County, Md.*

You have entered upon the duties of a most important profession. The responsibility is great, the labor exhausting, and the pecuniary reward but small. It is fair to pre-