

the establishment of a High-School at once ; and accordingly advertisement was made, as directed by the law, for proposals from the various districts and towns of the County, to furnish free of charge suitable buildings and apparatus for a High-School. The only offer which was received by this Board was from the Trustees of the Easton Academy, who proposed to execute a deed of lease to this Board, of their building for five years, at the nominal sum of one dollar a year. This offer was accepted, and the papers executed. We have also received of them a fund of \$1,375 to be used at our discretion. I cannot but refer to the frank and liberal manner in which this transaction was conducted on the part of the gentlemen of the Board of Trustees and to the cordial support which many of them continue to render to the High-School, which has superseded the school managed by them for so many years, and with so much wisdom. This Board after waiting for instructions from the State Board as long as was possible, by direction of the State Superintendent, framed a plan of organization for the proposed school, which was made to comply with all the requirements of the law, as far as this was practicable, and submitted it to you for your sanction or rejection. This having met your approbation, the plan was formally adopted, and teachers were selected. Prof. Joshua O. Colburn, a graduate of Howard, a gentleman of scholarship, purity of character, and extensive experience in teaching was elected Principal, and Miss Susan B. Conant, a lady of high culture and elegant accomplishments, the assistant in charge of the department for girls. On the 1st day of October the High-School went into operation with forty scholars. The course of study embraces the Ancient and Modern Languages, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and all those branches which are taught in the best schools. An instructor in Music is nominally connected with the school, and we expect to be able to have vocal music taught in this as in all the larger schools of the County when funds for that purpose can be obtained. Calisthenics is already taught the girls, and Military Tactics will be introduced as soon as a suitable teacher can be secured. An attempt has been made, with flattering success, to unite in one school the pupils of both sexes. While the boys and the girls have each their separate rooms where they are assembled, when not engaged in recitation, under the charge of a teacher of their own sex, the classes are composed of both the one and the other. Their influence is mutually salutary. In addition to the happy effect upon the behavior of the pupils, this union in classes has afforded a new incentive to the pupils, and given more time to the teacher, while it has conferred the additional advantage of bringing every child under the tuition of both the principal and assistant.

The school is successfully performing its work and it is the