

determination of this Board, that defects and deficiencies as soon as they betray themselves, whether in the plan of organization, the internal discipline, or course of study, shall be remedied. A Board of visitors of zealous and intelligent gentlemen, constituted of the Hon. H. H. Goldsborough, Col. Samuel Hambleton, J. C. W. Powell, Esqr., and Dr. Joseph Chamberlaine, has been appointed, and these with the President of this Board will have the school under their special supervision. With as fervent desire and intention to make this school all that the friends of education in the County can wish, they will allow no impediment to stand in the way of a full accomplishment of this their earnest purpose. In concluding what I have to say of this High-School, it should be mentioned that one great good which it has measurably accomplished, is the eradicating the prejudices which has existed so long in the community against sending children, especially girls, to Public Schools. This school now has for pupils the children of our most respected citizens.

The objection is offered to the establishment of one High-School in each County, that its advantages and benefits are local—that is confined to but few of the whole body of citizens; and it has been suggested that the funds appropriated to one school should be divided among three, four or more. The same objection would in some degree pertain to these schools—their benefits would be still local. But is not the objection overborne by the advantage to the whole community of having one thoroughly good school, of the best order, in a county, of three or four of inferior grade, which they must be from the very small amount of money which each could receive from the State? Our District Schools should be made equal to the wants of the many who are not, and our High-Schools should be for those who are anxious and willing to give their children a more extended course of study. If every man must have equal advantages, an impossibility, as the world is constituted, no enterprise for the amelioration of society could be undertaken or accomplished. Much that we enjoy to the exclusion of our fellows, as also much that we suffer, is the result of accident or of those laws which are so recondite that we cannot discover their origin or mode of action. The occupant of an island in our bay who complains that he has not a school at his door, complains as foolishly as he who thinks his lot a hard one because he was not born heir to a fortune.

During the past year we have put in operation those appliances which the law points out for securing efficient teachers in the future, and the improvement of those now actively engaged in school work. Permits have been issued to the full number of pupils which this County is entitled to in the Normal School. I take pleasure in testifying to the admirable tuition of Professor Newell, as shown by an actual examination of our own students, now in that institution.