

from \$40 to \$135 per term to the salary of the teachers as fixed and paid by the Board of School Commissioners.

The Board are using every effort to foster and increase such liberality, and are encouraged to hope for success. They feel assured that the beneficial results of this system in the past will aid in enlarging the disposition and in extending in a greatly increased degree the good which has resulted heretofore.

The examination of teachers, which closed on the 31st of January, showed that about one-fourth failed to reach the standard. Their places have been filled by competent instructors. With this addition of new and good teachers, and the very beneficial results of the Teachers' Institute, so ably conducted here in September by Profs. Newell and Leakin, the schools have been re-opened with evidence of increased zeal and ability; and it is confidently expected that the results will be very marked.

In all the towns of the County the schools have been graded with very good results. The people are growing in favor towards the system. They see that there is uniformity and order, and that proper efforts are being made to accomplish the greatest possible good with the means in hand.

It is to be regretted that proper buildings have not yet been secured for a High School, and that its establishment has not yet been deemed practicable. The systematic arrangement of schools, which is being effected will soon provide such material for an advanced school as will earnestly demand its establishment, and, with such a demand, it is believed there will be found little, if any, difficulty in the way of opening a very creditable High School.

The subject of the continuance of the County tax has been presented to the people by publication of a notice containing the provisions of the law and the constitution, and urging them to act upon the suggestions at the approaching election. It has been fully canvassed during the year whenever opportunity offered, and will be still further urged on the people by circular letters and by every other available means. The need of a fund from which to provide for incidentals, rents, repairs, &c., is being daily felt, and while the subject has not attracted the attention due it, it is still thought that sufficient will be done to secure the continuance of the County tax until such time as it can be conveniently dispensed with.

The only available means for building thus far, has been contributions by way of loan by the people, upon the condition that six per cent. interest on the cost of the school house shall be allowed as rent until such time as the principal can be paid from the fund, or by voluntary contributions.

The uniformity of Text-Books has been productive of