

sired advantage to all sections of the County, and if parents were compelled to send their children from home to educate them, they would more likely send them out of the State or County, than send them to the High School of the County. In view of this, we concluded to establish, in the three centres of population (provided suitable buildings and furniture were furnished by the districts for that purpose,) such schools as would afford all the advantages of a High School education to those several districts. With such a proffer, we advertised for proposals for High Schools. Berlin has accepted the terms proposed, and we have established a High School there.

Under our arrangement, the High School is made to embrace the different departments of Primary, Grammar, and High School. The principal has the supervision of each of these departments. Tuition is furnished free in them all, even in the highest department, and in the most advanced studies taught therein.

In my previous report, I suggested a change in the law, such as would require a larger bond to be given by the treasurer, when there was a large County school fund. This, now, appears the more important, as our lawyers have pronounced, that under the existing law, any larger bond, than that specified in the law, would be void.

I would further suggest a provision requiring School Commissioners to give bond for the faithful appropriation of all school funds entrusted to them. It often occurs that large sums of money are paid over to them for disbursement, and large amount of books are in their hands. It would be well that there should be some security for the faithful discharge of this trust. And it would be much better to make such provision now, when there are good and faithful men in those positions, than to wait for some future time, when losses may have occurred.

One other amendment of the law I would propose. It has been suggested to me by a County Commissioner, (and the suggestion meets with the approval of all I have heard speak on the subject) that it would be better to make the school tax such as will cover all the expenses of the schools, and not to make one tax for the support of the schools, and another to pay the salaries of the School Commissioners.

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