

School in the county, and I have had replies only from R. H. Archer, Esq., of Patapsco Institute, and Mr. Matthews, of Phrenokosmian Hall.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN HARFORD COUNTY—T. S. C. SMITH, *President*.—The Private Schools herein reported are well conducted. The Classics are taught in all the male and in one of the female schools. There were also, during part of the year, seven colored schools in the county sustained principally by private funds. These afforded instruction to about *Three Hundred Pupils*. It is difficult to state the precise or average number of pupils, owing to irregularity in their attendance. Those schools which I visited were evidently well conducted, and the pupils appeared to make good progress.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY—WM. H. FARQUHAR, *President*.—The number of pupils in Private Schools, when no longer receiving public support, was considerably less than one-fourth the average attendance during the regular school terms. There are no Colleges in this county. Nothing has been done, as yet, towards organizing a County High School. There are two Academies receiving State donations to the aggregate amount of \$1400 yearly. This would seem to afford a basis for founding a High School, but it is believed that the condition of the public mind is not yet sufficiently favorable toward Public Schools to render the immediate establishment of a High School a judicious measure. It need not long be delayed in case the policy of the State, in its relation to the Public School system, remains unchanged.

The efforts of the School Board to procure a local or county school tax, have altogether failed of success. We have consequently been compelled to suspend the schools at the expiration of the Spring term; and the important work of building and repairing school houses has not gone on as it should have done. The citizens have lent some aid to this work in several sections of the county. Considerable improvements have been effected, while much remains to be done. Finally, we have already shared in the benefits of the State Normal School, and other candidatas are preparing to avail themselves of its beneficent assistance in qualifying teachers for their responsible position.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN TALBOT COUNTY—SAMUEL A. HARRISON, *President*.—In addition to the Private Schools and Academies mentioned in this report and the District Schools, there are a number of strictly Private Schools in families, into which the children of immediate neighbors are received, and of Infant Schools for very small children too