

The question of colored schools was discussed and on motion of Lt. Gov. Cox, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, The Constitution has by a distribution of the school money according to population, provided for the education of the whole population, white and black, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the General Assembly to require separate schools to be established for the instruction of colored children.

*Resolved*, That by relieving the counties from the obligation to educate colored children, an unjust discrimination has been made in favor of those counties in which a large class of those children reside.

The usual votes of thanks having been passed, the Convention adjourned to meet at such time as the President may direct.

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ANNAPOLIS, MD., January 17, 1866.

The Association met in the Hall of the House of Delegates, at 5 P. M., and the meeting was called to order by Lt. Gov. Cox.

After the call of the roll of members, and the announcement of the object of the meeting, Dr. VanBokkelen stated that there were several important matters to be presented for the action of the Association, among which was a memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking a grant of public lands for the benefit of Normal Schools in the several states.

On motion, the Teachers of the Public Schools and the Reverend Clergy were invited to attend the sessions of the Association.

The following resolution was offered by the Committee on Business,

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to increase the school tax to 20 cents on the hundred dollars, and that the salaries of commissioners as well as the office expenses be paid out of the same.

Mr. Ellis, of Cecil, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Association, the early supply of well constructed and well furnished school houses, is the condition precedent to the successful introduction of the uniform system of Public Instruction, which has been made by Constitutional provision and Legislative enactment, the settled policy of the State. Adopted.

*Resolved*, That we hold it to be the duty of each County Board, aided by such support as the State may in its wisdom determine to extend to it, to see that every district is supplied