

men and women who otherwise might make a life work of the profession instead of a temporary expedient to tide them over until something better develops.

The present appropriation of \$10,000.00 is entirely inadequate to provide relief for all the worthy applicants, and the annual appropriation should be increased to twenty thousand dollars, which amount will be required to honor all the applications which will meet the requirements of the Act.

#### STATE MAPS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Maryland Geological Survey has among its records the necessary data (which the State paid to collect) for the preparation of physical and geological wall maps of the State. These maps, which would graphically represent the surface characteristics of the State and the geological formations with their economic products and soils, would prove of the very greatest educational value to the schools. Provision should be made to have the survey prepare such maps, accompanied by explanatory pamphlets, rendering this useful information readily available to the teachers and pupils of the public schools.

This same data has been eagerly sought by publishers for the purpose of preparing such maps for sale, and the State is in a position to publish and distribute the same to the schools at a very much smaller figure than any private publishing concern would do.

It is believed the amount now appropriated annually for free books, \$150,000, is sufficient to purchase all the books required and also permit the several county school boards of the State to provide the schools with maps or charts such as I have referred to above at their actual cost value.

#### COMPILING SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The General Assembly of 1902, Chapter 306, charged me with the duty and authority to appoint some competent person or persons to ascertain and compile a report of the population in the various counties and the City of Baltimore between the school ages of five years