

tional system of the State of Maryland; and the said commission was directed to report its findings, with recommendations, to the Governor; which recommendations are to be transmitted to the General Assembly of 1916. There was appropriated by the Act the sum of \$5,000 to the Commission to carry into effect its purposes.

Acting upon this authority, I appointed Mr. B. Howell Griswold, Jr., of Baltimore City; Dr. J. McPherson Scott, of Hagerstown, Washington County, and Colonel Albert W. Sisk, of Preston, Caroline County. The sum appropriated being totally inadequate for the purposes enumerated by the Act, it became necessary to take steps to carry on the work of the Commission, if the Commission intended to take its obligations seriously. Efforts resulted in interesting the "Rockefeller Foundation" in the project, and I am informed the work has been progressing the past year under the direction of experts in educational matters, and that a report treating in great detail with the result of their study will shortly be placed in my hands to be transmitted to your honorable body, for your information and as a basis for such constructive legislation in educational affairs of the State as to you may appear advantageous.

The State has been fortunate in having the Rockefeller Foundation undertake this very laborious and important work, and I know that when it has been presented to your body the sense of obligation incurred will be fittingly recognized.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

I hope and look for a keener public sentiment for the public school. An annual expenditure of five million dollars for public education cannot be expended most effectively until all the people become intensely interested in the most important department of the State government. The school is a co-operative affair and it cannot attain the best results unless our people as a whole become enthusiastic for its success.

The State inaugurated a system of public instruction to educate and train all its people for right living and good citizen-