

conviction that no money is better invested than that which develops intellect may warrant.

The Declaration of Rights in Article 43 enunciates a sound principle, and the 8th Article of the Constitution gives that principle substantial, energetic life, proving faith by works, for without works faith is worthless. The Declaration of Rights says, "The Legislature ought to encourage the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, the extension of a judicious system of general education, the promotion of literature, the arts, science, agriculture, commerce and manufactures, and the general melioration of the condition of the people."

The Constitution enjoins that "the General Assembly shall provide a uniform system of Free Public Schools, and shall place an annual tax on all the taxable property throughout the State for the support of Free Public Schools."

But further, while the Constitution thus asserts the principle that the whole property of the State is to provide Education for every Child in the State, it does not design to remove from the people all special and personal obligation, and weaken that spirit of self-reliance which will be an important element of success in our new and philanthropic work. There is to be no interference with existing sources of revenue, no repeal of taxes already imposed; while provision is made for such expression of the popular will as may originate or increase local taxation to raise the largest amount needed for the proper and energetic management of Schools, and to make them as good, as long, and as numerous as the citizens most interested may deem expedient.

The State Tax is an enabling Revenue to the Counties. It helps them to do their work thoroughly. It recognizes the great principle of a common brotherhood, the duty of the people of the whole State to have solicitude for the increase in knowledge and the growth in correct moral sentiment of every child, even in its remotest sections.

With these principles in view, and aided by suggestions derived from the Systems of Public Instruction which have been diligently studied and collated, the Bill appended