

They are concerned that the School house shall be neatly built, an ornament to the District, and that the site shall be judiciously selected. They are concerned that the furniture shall be comfortable and suitable, that children may pursue their studies during the six hours of the School session without being "cabined, cribbed, confined," their spines distorted into every imaginable sort of curvature, their muscular system taxed to balance their bodies upon the narrow benches, too high for the small boy, and too low for the tall boy. They are concerned to have kind and efficient teachers, good text-books, maps, black boards and all the simple apparatus for teaching. With them it is a direct personal concern, and therefore the voice of the people counselling, advising, but not controlling, ought to be heard.

The District Meeting presents this opportunity, and if attended and directed by intelligent voters will be productive of the most encouraging results.

SEC. 3. Authorizes the voters to order a tax to be levied upon the property, within the limits of their School District, for the benefit of their School. Thus the School House can be made as beautiful and convenient as the people desire. The facilities of Education can be enlarged so that no private Seminary will furnish better instruction; and every thing can be done, that ought to be done, should the people so direct.

It may be that many years will elapse before our people in every section of the State will work up to the full circumference of their duty in the matter of Public Schools, but our law should be framed so as to enable the performance of that duty. The law should provide the way, trusting that the people will have the will. In many sections these District Meetings will be the most interesting assemblages of citizens during the year, and the action taken in one District will be emulated by another, and so on until the noble contest will exist between Districts and between Counties, which shall have the best School Houses and the most perfect Schools.