

ties of the State is very far below a proper compensation. The tardiness with which the pittance is paid in many places, is a crying shame. In the name of this large body of public servants, as well as in behalf of the tax-payers of this State, your Committee protest against the appropriation of public money to personal enterprises and institutions which have no relation to our educational system but that of dwarfing it by sharing the support it ought to get. The efficiency of the public schools should be the object of our regard; their doors should stand open wide, because their influence, like the gentle and genial dew of Heaven, falls alike upon the lofty and the lowly. If ever there was a necessity that the public Treasury should be drafted to support institutions of learning, in which the State had no interest of ownership, and over which she had no control, that time has passed. It is a matter of little concern to the people of this State whether the Baltimore Female College lives or dies, but it is a concern to them that while the twenty-five hundred dollars is being paid out of the Treasury quarterly upon the condition of twenty-five free scholarships, that those scholarships should be vacant. The academies, as a rule, are not above the grade the public schools ought to occupy, while they receive by special appropriation a larger amount of aid than their services entitle them to. Why should the State pay one hundred dollars per pupil for tuition in the elementary branches in a private institution, when in her own public schools the cost for the same service would only be six.

Your Committee are clearly of the opinion that colleges should not be given extravagant appropriations for doing the legitimate work of grammar schools, and therefore ask to be instructed to bring in a bill which will give to the several boards of County School Commissioners the control of the appropriations for the use of the academies in the several counties of this State. A bill to provide the conditions upon which so much of the annual appropriation as they shall be entitled to shall be paid to the several colleges of this State, and to provide that unexpended balance of the aforesaid annual appropriation, if any, shall go to the payment of the salaries of the teachers of the public schools of this State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Mr. Cockey, Chairman of a Select Committee, to whom had been referred

The bill entitled an Act to empower the surviving Trustees