

REV. L. VAN BOKKELEN,

WITH COPIES OF CIRCULAR AND INTERROGATORIES ADDRESSED BY HIM TO THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 7, 1864.

To his Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD, Governor:

MY DEAR SIR:—I enclose for your inspection a circular letter and schedule of queries which have been forwarded to the school authorities of the several counties under the existing laws.

I have also sent copies to prominent citizens interested in the cause of education, that they may be informed of my wishes and perhaps induced to aid me in collecting the statistics so essential to wise progress in my work.

I am now corresponding with the Superintendents of public institutions in other States, and am seeking information from every source within my reach. The more I reflect upon the work to which you have commissioned me, the more thorough is the conviction of its magnitude and vital importance to our people. I only dare hope that I may be able to comprehend it in its length, breadth and depth, and make such provision as will meet the demand of our State as it enters upon the grand career which it has been your privilege as well as honor to help to open.

Next week I propose to visit Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York, returning to Baltimore about the 22d inst. By that time I expect to receive letters from the counties, and to begin to arrange my tour of visitation.

I have already been favored with interviews and consultations with several prominent and intelligent citizens, all of whom express the warmest interest in our effort to disenthral the intellect of the rising generation.

Very truly yours,

L. VAN BOKKELEN.