

## EDITORIAL

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### OUR SCHOOLS

There came to the Baltimore teachers at the beginning of 1921 an equal salary scale for all teachers doing the same character of work regardless of race or sex. This action wipes out a long practice of discrimination in salaries against the teachers in our high and training schools, and against women.

This salary scale is not the last word, for the granted increase of from 20 to 30 per cent does not make a living salary. The Board of School Commissioners and the Board of Estimates will find it good business policy to give the teachers of our youth a living wage.

Another hopeful outlook for better schools and school conditions is the projected loan for the erection of new school houses and for the repair of the old. Among the new buildings is to be a colored high school.

The whole educational situation as it relates to our colored schools is waiting the opening up of a commodious building that will keep in school the boys and girls who drop out of the elementary schools in such large numbers. With the new building as a stimulus the elementary schools should send from 400 to 600 pupils to the high school annually instead of the 250 to 275 now yearly promoted.

With a new building the splendid work now being done by Principa<sup>l</sup> Hawkins and his very efficient faculty will make the show it deserves.

The Colored Training School under Professor Lockerman is steadily turning out well-trained teachers for our elementary schools.

Sympathetic co-operation on the part of the people at large will contribute to our educational progress.

Morgan College is steadily growing and with its enlarged faculty and larger building facilities will also add much to our progress along educational lines.

As we go to press we regret to note the changes in the Board of School Commissioners and the summary dismissal of Superintendent Koch. Mr. Koch was much more sympathetic of our educational needs than he was accredited with.

We can only hope that the changes which have been made will make for progress and not for retrogression in any respect.

We wish the new Superintendent Dr. West much success in his new work.

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