

remarks to the school, and if remaining over night in the place, I appoint a meeting for the householders and friends of the cause, at which I present the educational interests of the community, the necessity of thorough organizations and co-operation with the county Superintendents and other school officers in carrying out the requirements of the law, and whatever I deem necessary to the proper conducting and managing school of affairs. When I can find the county Superintendent, I obtain from him a statement of what he has been doing, his success in organizing districts, and in managing his department, &c. I not only ask, but answer many questions, and make suggestions in relation to his duty, labors and decisions. The School Law meets with some opposition in different parts of the Territory, but whenever it has been tried and faithfully carried out, it has met the approbation of the people generally. The great difficulty in the way is a want of understanding it properly—many condemn without ever having examined for themselves.

That it is perfect, none of its friends will claim. That it requires modification, many if not all are willing to admit. Yet I would caution against all hasty legislation, or material modification in any of its provisions bearing on the local districts.—Better wait until it has received a fair trial, than to change from bad to worse; or lay aside a law that is tolerable for one intolerable.

From the information obtained in my visiting, and from all other sources in my power, I have the most undoubted assurance that our School Law is a good one, and that it will work well among our people. It is highly encouraging to the friends of popular education to see the spirit manifested throughout our but yet sparsely settled Territory. Everywhere I was received with kindness, and met with the hearty co-operation and assistance of school officers and friends of the cause. And, on my return home from a tour in the southern counties, after looking over the encouragement I met with, and the assistance and information received, with what I saw for myself, I was surprised to find so much accomplished in so short a time; only a few months, and yet we have a school system in active and efficient operation in many parts of our land. The wonder is that so much has been done, in such a short time. In my reports under the different