

heads, I will speak more fully of what I saw and learned of the modifications or amendments which in my opinion would advance the interest of Education, and the prosperity of our young but vigorous country.

COMPENSATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

And now, as my term of office will shortly expire, provided the State of Kansas is admitted this winter, I feel it my duty to call the attention of the General Assembly to the inadequate salary of the Superintendent. According to the provisions of the law, he is allowed \$1,500 per year, with \$200 for office rent, stationary, &c. By other provisions in the law, he is required to visit every county in the Territory, consult with county Superintendent and other school officers, visit and correspond with school officers of other States, lecture throughout the counties, &c., and yet there is not one dollar allowed him to bear all this expense. How much do you suppose it would cost to take a tour through every county, spending three or four days in each? The whole market value of the salary would not defray the necessary expense. Territorial Scrip is worth 30 cents on the dollar, and very poor sale at that; and yet the idea of raising the salary appears preposterous to many of our Legislators. Where is the man who can maintain his family in a respectable manner at Leavenworth City, or any place in the Territory, on this amount, after bearing the necessary contingent expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties as Superintendent? It is said by many that salaries of our public officers are too high; however that may be, I am not now going to discuss. One thing I do know, and that is that the pay of your Superintendent is not sufficient. This past year I have had to labor under not only great disadvantage but much embarrassment, from the want of means, and have had to draw on my own private resources to the amount of \$500. I have not as yet received one solitary dime for all my labor, and while I am making nothing available now, I am continually spending my own means and laying out of the use of the money.

The business of my office has been so great that I have had to employ a clerk at considerable expense. This is what is needed in the office, and there should be a salary attached, so that he