

sion upon a State Superintendent and local or Township Trustees.

That plan has been a failure; and after much groping about to discover where the trouble lay, they found that there was a missing link. That link has been supplied in the County Director. The outlays for Education in our State will be doubly productive under thorough and intelligent supervision by men well qualified, experienced and able to devote themselves entirely to the work. This plan embraces the City of Baltimore, where I am confident the wheels of progress are stayed for the lack of efficient supervision of the Educational work, specially in the Primary Schools. With a practical Educator giving his entire time and intelligence to the City Schools such uniformity and efficiency of discipline and teaching will be secured as will enable the officers to say, not "The Public Schools *generally* are in a good condition," and "*many* of them will compare with the best in the country," but to claim that *all* are good, and *all* compare favorably with those of any other City.

I am authorized by George N. Eaton, Esq., who for ten years has been the efficient President of the Board of City School Commissioners, and has watched the working of the present system most closely and intelligently, to say, that in his opinion, the great want now, is an active, earnest and authoritative Supervision.

The Superintendent of an adjoining State says concerning this mode of County Supervision, "The energizing agency of the system is becoming more and more efficient and potent every year, and the labors and influence of the Superintendents are being more appreciated by the people."

The Director is charged with a supervision of School houses and sites as well as the examination of Teachers, because no School work can be satisfactorily done without the convenience and comfort of properly built and judiciously furnished houses.

If we are able to secure County Directors of due energy, zeal, intelligence and philanthropy, and can keep them faithfully at work, free from all social, local and denomina-