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we knew we could have safely passed it without
[illegible]

[illegible] will show substantial
progress. The schools were opened in 1864 in
a spirit of violence & excitement & feeling growing
out of emancipation. We had 13 colored teachers
the first year & as many teachers
employed or assaulted — public opinion was
decidedly against us. Since then not a
colored teacher has been insulted & scarcely a
[illegible] or disturbed — a regular system of ed-
ucation has been established in the com-
munities — we have transferred to the City of Bal-
timore [illegible] City schools & the yearly appropriation
[illegible] for them has been continued by the
present Democratic Mayor & Council — a
class Normal School is in operation —
Thousands of Col'd children pass & repass with
[illegible] & slates under their arms pass & repass
[illegible] schools open the streets & roads with-
out fear or notice, while at first daily
collisions took place. Public sentiment &
feeling has changed — the result of discipline
in the schools & the advantages of skilled
labor is seen & felt — the negroes have been
educated up to the change & most of them
are true to the principles & good behavior
of the blacks.

I look upon the Normal School as the great