

A WORTHY MEASURE.

The Independent wishes to go on record as favoring House Bill No. 395, introduced by Hon. Lee Stewart, of Knott county, and its companion bill in the Senate, known as Senate Bill No. 247, introduced by Senator Newton Bright, of Henry County. These bills aim at taking care of the work of the Moonlight Schools, which have been so successfully carried on by the Illiteracy Commission under the direction of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart for the past several years. The Illiteracy Commission expires by limitation July 1st. The Commission has been able to accomplish a wonderful work in its effort to redeem Kentucky from illiteracy. Through the splendid volunteer work of the State, about 130,000 of Kentucky's illiterates have been taught to read and write, leaving something like 70,000 to be taught. It is highly important that this work be carried on. The Legislature should consider this matter seriously and at once. There ought not to be any excuse, accepted from the lawmakers if they fail to appropriate enough money to carry on this great work.

The bills referred to will give \$50,000.00 additional to what the Commission has been spending and this amount is for the public school teachers. It comes out of the general expenditure fund and thus augments the educational funds of the State just that much.

Every person knows that the salaries of the school teachers of this State ought to be increased. It is also a rank injustice to ask these teachers to conduct a night school for nothing. This new law provides that the teachers who shall conduct night schools shall be paid a nominal fee for this work.

These bills ought to be enacted into law and we believe they will be when the proper information is put before the lawmakers of the State. —Editorial From the Ashland Daily Independent.