

adding to it the \$400 State Donation to Public Schools, with such other amounts as the Board of School Commissioners may find at their disposal, to revive the academic system under the name of ——— County High School. These High Schools are designed to prepare boys for practical business life or for admission to college, and to give girls a complete education, thus removing to a great extent, the necessity of sending children out of the County to secure higher education.

In Cecil and Talbot Counties, High Schools have been organized. Arrangements are now under consideration for extending this feature of the School System to other Counties, in such modified terms as will adapt it to the wants of the community.

The following report was received for the Brookeville Academy, in Montgomery County.

REPORT OF BROOKEVILLE ACADEMY, FOR THE YEAR 1866.

This ancient academy has, during the past year resumed its course of prosperity.

Thirty-four pupils have attended the institution; six free schools have received the benefits of instruction, and have been furnished with books free of charge. Two of these have been instructed in the ancient languages. Instruction has been given in Greek, Latin, French, German, Geometry, Algebra, and the various branches of an academical education. Examinations have been held at Midsummer and Christmas, when the Trustees expressed themselves fully satisfied with the result.

Boarders 20. Day Scholars 14.

J. DUBLIN PARKINSON, A. B., *Principal.*

BROOKEVILLE, Dec., 1866.

REV. DR. VAN BOKKELEN,
Dear Sir.

I send you the report of the Brookeville academy for the past year. I am glad that it is so prosperous.

We require many improvements to bring it on a level with modern plans of education. I am most anxious for the Trustees to dispose of their property in the village, and buy 20 acres of ground at the distance of half a mile from Brookeville. There they could erect new buildings in the modern style, and lay out the grounds in a style similar to those of the public schools in England, for I think that the minds of youth should be influenced by the beautiful in nature and art. In such a case the pupils would be removed from the contamination of the village, for the observation of Quintilian was just that we should look to the associates of our pupils.

If you could urge this measure, you would much oblige.

Your grateful,

J. DURLIN PARKINSON.