

energy, that by its intellectual force and boldness it has acquired, the complete mastery over nature, and has made our world a whispering gallery, so that men may hold almost instantaneous converse with each other, though dwelling in the different capitals of the two hemispheres; we may well ask, is there a work under the heavens at once so simple and yet so sublime, as the education of that mass of human intellect, which in a few more years will control the interests of the Church and mould the destiny of the State? Take care of the children, and the future men and women will take care of themselves. Educate these youthful immortals physically, intellectually and morally, and you provide the surest safeguards for the welfare of the Republic. Our public schools are the nurseries of the future conservators of public morals, and of the statesmen whose influence will either strengthen, beautify and perpetuate our cherished institutions, or blight and desolate the fairest heritage on God's earth.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

At a meeting of our Board some months ago, the trustees of St. John's College tendered us the use of buildings and the services of one or more Professors for the High School, if the Board would connect it with the College and pay into the treasury of that institution the appropriation now donated to several academies in our County. There being no applications at that time, to have the High School located elsewhere, the Commissioners acceded to the request of the trustees, in view of the fact that we would secure all the advantages of a High School, by the payment of the academic fund (eight hundred dollars) and incur no expense for buildings or professors. This arrangement however, was never perfected. Finding that there were strong objections on the part of many citizens of our County to the location of the High School at Annapolis, the Board reconsidered its former action and appointed a day to hear the parties who wished to present their views in reference to the location of the High School. At the appointed time delegations from the Millersville and Patapsco Academies, and one of the trustees and the President of St. John's College appeared before the Board. An interesting discussion ensued, both parties presenting their claims in eloquent speeches. It was alleged on the part of those who represented the academies, that if the appropriations which they receive from the County were withdrawn, they could not be kept in operation. We also learned that the trustees of the College would rather withdraw their claim than awaken any unkind feeling throughout the County against the College. In view of these and other considerations the Board resolved to postpone all further action on the subject for the present. The Academies