

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

This Association, representing the school interests of the whole State, is the true exponent of the school system and in many respects a more important agency than even the State Board of Education. Through it the actual wants of various sections of the State are ascertained and the deliberations of the State Board made strictly practical.

The Association originated in the call of the State Board for a Convention of School Officers, August 1865, that instructions might be given relative to the uniform system of free schools about to be put into operation.

Convinced of the value of the conferences at this first meeting, arrangements were made for a permanent organization, and a committee appointed to draft a Constitution.

A second meeting was held in Annapolis, January 17, 1866, during the Special Session of the General Assembly, when the Constitution was adopted and permanent officers elected.

A third meeting was held in Baltimore city, December 12, 1866. Although the date is beyond the period which the statistical table of this report embrace, the deliberations of the Association are presented, that the resolutions then adopted may be known.

The following abstract is taken from the Journal of Proceedings. The Officers of the Association are

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