

APPENDIX "No. 1."

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MD.,

Baltimore, September 1, 1865.

CIRCULAR No. 3.

*To the Board of School Commissioners
of ——— County:*

You herewith receive the complete list of Text Books, adopted by the State Board of Education, for use in the Public Schools.

These books have been carefully examined by the members of the Board, and compared with a large variety of publications submitted to their inspection. After mature and somewhat protracted deliberation, a decision was reached, which, I think, will meet with general approbation. From the many valuable series of books in every department of School and High School literature submitted to us, it was, in most cases, very difficult to decide which were the best; and now that the selection is made, it is proper to say that, while we deem those which have been adopted to be the best for our purposes, yet there are other series of great and perhaps equal value.

The cause of Education owes much of its present successful advancement to the energy and enterprise of our publishers, and to the intelligent agents whom they employ to set forth the peculiar advantages of their books, and to explain to teachers the proper methods of using them in the class-room.

The Text Books are arranged in three divisions:

1. Those for use in Primary and Grammar Schools.
2. The High School Series.
3. The Classical Series.

In the larger portion of the Schools of the counties, there will be children pursuing a course of study extending from the elements up through a Grammar School curriculum. This may render it necessary at times to deviate from the list as printed. It is therefore proper to state, that the books have been classified, not for the purpose of requiring them to be strictly used as designated, but rather to indicate an opinion as to which are adapted to Primary and Grammar