

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

as herein provided for; provided, that when repairs are to be paid out of county school taxes, the amount to be expended for said school repairs shall be determined by the Board of County School Commissioners before the repairs are made; the board shall employ a principal teacher, subject to confirmation by the Board of County School Commissioners from among those persons who hold the certificate required by this Article; they shall exercise a general supervision over their respective schools, and visit them frequently, and shall cause instruction to be given for ten months in the year, if possible.

To exercise supervision over same.

Branches to be taught.

39. In every district school there shall be taught orthography, reading, writing, subjects for language training, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, History of the United States, good behavior, the Constitution of the United States, Constitution and History of Maryland, vocal music, drawing, physiology, laws of health and domestic economy, civil government; and the elements of agricultural science may, in the discretion of the State Board of Education, be added to the branches required to be taught in the State Normal Schools and in the public schools of the various counties of the State.

Alcoholic drinks and narcotics.

40. The nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, with special instruction as to their effects upon the human system, in connection with the several divisions of the subject of physiology and hygiene, shall be included in the branches of study taught in the common schools, and shall be taught to and studied by all pupils whose capacity will admit of it, in all departments of the public schools of the State, and in all educational institutions supported wholly or in part by money from the State; and said study shall be taught and studied by pupils in said schools as thoroughly and in the same manner as other like branches are there taught and studied, with text-books in hands of pupils, where other like branches are thus studied.

Assistant teachers.

42. Whenever a school numbers more than forty children in the average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the Board of County School Commissioners, in their discretion; and for every additional forty children, one teacher may be appointed.

Closing for lack of pupils.

43. Whenever the average attendance in any school for any two consecutive terms is less than ten pupils, the said school may be closed by the Board of County School Commissioners; provided, that the Board of District School Trustees