

*Ibid.* s. 8.  
Annual com-  
mencements of  
the university

86. The annual commencements for conferring degrees shall be held in the city of Baltimore on the fourth day of July, under such regulations as the council of the university of Maryland may from time to time announce; this shall not take effect until the board of education after consultation with the regents of the university may direct, and shall in no way interfere with such literary exercises and class orations as are held at the different colleges at the close of each collegiate year.

#### MODES OF SECURING COMPETENT TEACHERS—EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

1865, c. 160,  
t. III, c. I, s. 1  
Examination of  
teachers and  
what certi-  
ficates to be  
given.

87. It shall be the duty of the president of the board of school commissioners to examine all candidates for the profession of teachers, in the presence of any members of the board of school commissioners, should they desire to be present, and to give to each person found qualified, a certificate setting forth the branches they are competent to teach, but no certificate shall be granted without satisfactory evidence of the moral character of the applicant.

*Ibid.* s. 2.  
Grades of  
certificates.

88. The certificates used shall be numbered and registered for each city and county, in a book kept by the said president, and to deliver to his successors in office, and shall be denominated first or second grade, as the case may be. Certificates of the first grade shall embrace orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history, English grammar, book keeping, algebra and natural philosophy; and the second grade shall embrace orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history and English grammar. Blank certificates to be obtained from the state superintendent's office, in same way that text books and stationery are.

*Ibid.* s. 3  
Of what age  
applicants  
to be.

89. No applicant shall be examined as a teacher, being a male, under twenty years of age; and if a female, under eighteen years of age.