vice and consent of the State board of education the honorary degree of doctor of pedagogy.

Approved April 3, 1890.

CHAPTER 324.

AN ACT to amend sections twenty-four and forty-seven, of article seventy-seven, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Public Education."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, To amond. That sections twenty-four and forty-seven, of article seventyseven, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Public Education," be amended and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

> SEC. 24. The board of county school commissioners shall, on or before the first day of October, in every year, make a report to the State board of education, in such form as may be prescribed by the latter, of the schools and all matters affecting the educational interests of the county; they shall also publish annually, in the month of November, in such form and manner as they may deem proper, a statement of their receipts and disbursements, including the money received and expended on account of text books, and a statement of the indebtedness of the board at the close of the fiscal year, and forward a copy to the State board of education.

SEC. 47. The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated the fall term, winter term, spring term and summer term, and the time of beginning and closing each term year. shall be regulated by the board of county school commissioners; provided, that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up, and rendered to the thirty-first day of July, inclusive, of each and every year; and, provided further, that there shall be no change in or encroachment upon the holidays and vacations set forth and established in the following paragraphs: The month of August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall be holidays, viz: Thanksgiving day; from Christmas eve to the first day of January, inclusive; Washington's birthday; the fourth day of July; from the Friday Holldays. before Easter to the Monday after Easter, inclusive, and the Monday of Whitsuntide, and the remaining month of vacation shall be fixed and designated by the board of county school commissioners, to subserve the convenience and advantage of their re-

spective counties, in case it may be necessary to open school for a fraction of a term, it shall close at the end of the term, and all accounts shall be settled at the meeting of the board of county

school commissioners held at the close of the term.