

amined and their fitness determined by the Faculty of the college to which they are appointed, and those who are not graduates of high schools must present satisfactory certificates of scholastic ability, industry and good morals, before they can be examined for admission to any college.

Appointments to be divided among counties and city.

Sec. 7. These appointments shall be divided by the State Board of Education, who shall also designate the colleges to which students from the city of Baltimore and the several counties shall be admitted, among the counties and the city of Baltimore, according to representation in the General Assembly, and in case the city of Baltimore or any county does not by the first day of September, avail itself of the privilege of nominating students, then the vacancies may be filled by the State Board of Education from applicants at large, so that the whole number of youth may enjoy the advantage designed to be secured through the State donation, and the system of free public instruction in primary schools, grammar schools, high schools and colleges be realized.

Commencements where held.

Sec. 8. 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.

### TITLE III.—MODES OF SECURING COMPETENT TEACHERS.

#### CHAPTER I.—EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

By whom examined.

SECTION 1. 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 each person found qualified, a certificate setting forth the branches they are