

FISH, cannot be otherwise than abundant, where water is so convenient as it is in this state. The Shad and Herring fisheries are of vast advantage, furnishing not only a material article for consumption within the state, but a profitable item for exportation. The Perch, Rock, Mackarel, Trout, Ale Wife, Catfish, Place, Flounder, Whiting, Pike, Sole, Sheep's Head, Drums, and many other varieties are taken in the waters of the Chesapeake and its tributaries, and constitute no small proportion of the food of the inhabitants.

REPTILES—Of the venemous kinds are rapidly disappearing, with the native forests and marshes that are yielding to cultivation.

CHAPTER X.

LITERATURE.

A common english education has been obtained by most of the white population of Maryland. Having no general system for primary schools, it is in many places obtained with great inconvenience, and everywhere at a heavy expense. In those states where education has been neglected, that with