

SEC. 3. Provides that proper plans of School houses with specifications shall be prepared in the office of the State Superintendent, according to which houses shall be erected. This is an important provision and will secure a neat and uniform architecture, with due regard to light, heat and ventilation.

Plans might be adopted by which the frames of such houses could be prepared in the vicinity of large depots of lumber and sent to the School sites ready for erection. This would save money and enable the work to be accomplished in the least possible time.

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SECTION 2. In the opinion of many citizens of the City of Baltimore, who are friends and close observers of the working of the Municipal School System, much may be done to elevate the standard of Education, and to increase its efficiency both in teaching and training. They specially desire to have the course of Study adapted to the practical wants of a large portion of the Female Scholars by substituting, for some other branches, topics which will be of direct value as helps to the performance of the duties of the vocation in life to which it may please God to call them, the duties of wives and mothers.

Our City Schools, thus far, have attained a fair degree of success, but to partake of the spirit of the wondrous times in which we live, they must progress in thoroughness of instruction, in judicious discipline and in expansiveness of aim. They need more well trained Teachers from the Primary up to the High School, who will make the Public School equal in every respect to the best private School. When such Teachers are found they ought to be retained by the most liberal salaries, and not be obliged, as too often is the case, to find full remuneration for their talent and skill by instructing a private School.

I take the liberty to incorporate in this Commentary, the following letter from one of the most benevolent and active workers in the cause of virtuous progress :