

It is proposed to bring back the Academic funds or donations to their original and legitimate purpose ; and, if possible, increase them so as to secure liberal salaries to competent teachers of talent and skill, teachers of classical knowledge and capable to instruct in all branches required for matriculation into the State Colleges. Youth will then not be obliged to leave their County, or be far removed from parental supervision until ready for College. Heavy expense will be avoided, and the home feeling and association strengthened.

In addition to these practical advantages, which will be readily appreciated by parents, the re-establishment of County Academies, to be known in the Law as HIGH SCHOOLS, will form the second connecting link between the Primary and Collegiate System of the State, and no youth will be obliged to leave Maryland, or even his own County to qualify himself for active business or for the study of a Profession. He will find near home, Primary, Grammar and High Schools.

The terms of admission to High Schools are left to the discretion of the State Board of Education, because it is uncertain whether salaries sufficiently liberal to secure Professors of the highest ability can be provided from State and County appropriations. The price of tuition ought of course to be small, not exceeding fifteen or twenty dollars per annum, and arrangements should be made for the remission of the whole amount or a portion, whenever it is required by the circumstances of the parents of a student.

In several counties the original Academic organization is continued. These Academies would re-organize as High Schools, and work under the new system, with increased energy and efficiency. In Table B, a list of Academies is given, together with such matters of interest as have been reported to me.

Instruction in Military Tactics, as a part of the High School curriculum for male pupils, ought to be diligently fostered. Our Schools for the future have to be made the School of the soldier as well as of the man of business and the man of letters. It would be well to introduce the ele-