

mentary evolutions of the Company Drill into our Primary Schools, so that youth can be taught all movements that can be executed without the musket, and be prepared for instruction in the Manual when they reach the High School.

Such Military Drill will be conducive to good order and precision, will cultivate habits of neatness and promptness, and help to develop the physical system. It will also prepare youth for the duties of citizenship, one of which is to defend the Government whenever assailed.

When our Schools are organized I will urge upon the General Assembly such enactments as will make all of them Schools for training soldiers, imparting to youth, at the earliest age, the idea that they are to be prepared to defend their flag and risk life for the safety of the Nation.

In Cecil County the High School system has been inaugurated. The following report by Mr. Ellis, shows what progress has been made, and the Circular of the School exhibits the advanced course of study proposed.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERPRISE.

The Legislature at its last session transferred the Academy fund, eight hundred dollars, to this Board, but by the same act required us to establish three High Schools, one at Elkton, one at Port Deposit, and one at the Rising Sun. The only provision for the support of these three Schools is the eight hundred dollars above named, and the additional four hundred dollars granted to this in connection with all other Counties, by a special act at last session. Neither act declares expressly that these funds are to be appropriated to this special object, as the money goes into one general fund without special direction.

Our Board however, anxious to carry out as far as possible the direction of the Legislature, has passed to the credit of each of the proposed High Schools, the sum of four hundred dollars.

In making the attempt to establish the Schools however, they have found it wholly impossible to establish more than one with their limited means.

The tender of the use of the Elkton Academy Building, &c., has led to that effect at Elkton. For this purpose we have pledged out of the general fund (in addition to the