

school soon after its opening, and shortly before its close, and once a month during its continuance;—and this duty of visitation, let me say, means something more than just stopping, when engaged on some other errand or business, fastening a horse at the school house door, and going in for a few minutes to rest or to warm. Emphatically,—I would speak it with ten fold emphasis,—they are to see that none but the very best persons who can possibly be procured, are put in as keepers of that inestimable, unutterable treasure, the children of the district.

Another provision of the late law requires the committee of each town to keep a record, in a permanent form, of all their acts, votes, and proceedings; and, at the end of their official year, to deliver the record-book to their successors in office.

If the affairs of the pettiest manufacturing corporation cannot be systematically nor economically conducted, without a sworn clerk, and the registration of every corporate act, must not the incomparably greater interests of the schools suffer, if all the orders and regulations of the school committees have no other depository, nor means of verification in case of dispute, than the uncertainty of human memory, and the faithlessness of oral testimony?"

GENERAL CONDITION OF EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Number of scholars between the age of 4 and 16,	-	194,984
“ public schools,	- - - -	3,582
“ incorporated academies,	- - - -	66
“ unincorporated, private schools	- - - -	1,167
“ schools of all kinds,	- - - -	4,615
“ teachers,	- - - -	7,267
“ male teachers,	- - - -	2,523
“ female teachers,	- - - -	4,774
Amount of money expended over,	- - - -	\$1,000,000

The number who cannot read and write 1 to 163.

Do. in Maryland 1 to 27.

Maryland was settled in 1632, and is possessed of far superior natural resources to those of Massachusetts, and to her lasting shame her scratching, scrambling and disordered system of education cannot furnish any certain and accurate information as to the state of education.

THE GENERAL CONDITION IN MARYLAND AS WELL AS CAN BE KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

Number of pupils in the academies and colleges, as shown by the reports of this session, - - - - - 1,900

BY THE CENSUS OF 1840.

Universities or colleges,	- - - -	12
Pupils in same,	- - - -	813
Academies and grammar schools,	- - - -	127