Amount of sixteen paving warrants, returned to the collector's office for collection by city commissioners,		23,886 88	
Amount paid the Register, . . .	5,546 15		
do withdrawn by pavers, . .	13,027 43		
		18,573 58	
			5,313 30
Amount of nine repaving warrants, returned to the collector's office for collection by the city commissioners,		5,987 26	
Amount paid the Register, . . .	840 75		
do withdrawn by pavers, . .	4,527 86		
		5,368 61	
			618 65
Amount of commissions paid to the Register on account of the above bills withdrawn by the pavers, . . .			526 73
Amount of six pump warrants, returned to the collector's office, as above,		1,131 83	
Amount paid the Register, . . .		374 47	
			757 36

Very respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. SEIDENSTRICKER, Collector.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO THE

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

To the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore:

GENTLEMEN:

IN compliance with the ordinances establishing the Public Schools, the commissioners present this their fifteenth annual report:

The board at its meeting in January last, organized by the election of DR. MONMONIER, President, and *Mr. Henry S. Sanderson*, Treasurer. *Mr. John W. Tilyard* was re-elected Clerk. Soon after Mr. Jones declining to take his seat at the board, the vacancy thus created was filled by the appointment of Mr. Samuel Harris—Mr. John Fox having resigned, Mr. James Hooper was appointed in his stead, and afterwards resigned; Mr. Wm. Rusk was then appointed to fill the vacancy.

The number of schools in operation in the city, at the time of making the last annual report, was thirteen, viz: the High School, six Male and six Female Schools.

Since then a male school (No. 9) has been opened in the Assembly Rooms building, and placed under the care of Mr. Jas. Harshaw, as principal, and Mr. John McNevin, as assistant.

At the last session of the City Council, an ordinance was passed appropriating $10,000 for the erection of two school houses, one to be in the centre and the other in the western part of the city. The commissioners, as soon after as possible, advertised for lots on which to build the houses, and one only (in the western part of the city) was obtained; no offer of a lot in the centre of the city was made which the commissioners could except. A lot located at the corner of Cove street and Ridgley alley, was purchased from Mr. Charles R. Barney for the sum of $1200; a substantial and convenient brick house has been built thereon for the the sum of $4,300. This house will be ready for use in a few days; it fronts forty-three feet on Cove street, with a depth of sixty-five feet on Ridgley alley. The first story is for the female department, and the second for the male: it differs from the other houses in having a recitation room for the girls; this is considered by the board a very great improvement; it will afford greater facilities to the teachers in prosecuting their duties. The cost of the furniture, &c.