the higher classics and in declamation, exhibiting great proficiency on the part of the pupils, and equal talent and teaching capability on the part of the professors.

The Female High Schools exhibited a high standard of excellence in study. That most difficult branch of school education, reading, was exhibited in a very high degree of attainment; the young ladies acquitted themselves most handsomely in its development, reflecting great credit upon the teachers who are engaged in instructing them.

The singing in all the schools is pursued on a scientific basis. The children of the Primary Schools sing by note, and are remarkable in their proficiency.

The committee are of the opinion that the Public Schools of the city of Baltimore are an honor to the State and city, and that their present management and supervision ought not to be interfered with except with great caution. The proper point of consideration for the Legislature is the elevation of the schools of the counties to the high standard attained by those of the city.

The committee recommend that the school system of Baltimore shall remain as it is, and that the Mayor and City Council be allowed full power to confer the usual scholastic degrees upon the graduates of the High Schools.

Signed,

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