

RECOMMENDATIONS

From EMMA WILLARD, former Principal and Founder of the Troy Female Seminary, and author of several valuable works on Geography, History, &c.

Having examined McCLEARY & PIERCE'S Dissected Map of the State of New York, I cheerfully recommend its use as an excellent method of learning the comparative size and location of the counties. An amusing game may easily be made of the pieces, as I found. Having two little girls to play it under my direction, I took 20 as the number; which, the first to obtain, was winner; then putting the pieces on the table, inverted and without order, each of the parties chose in turn a piece and placed her finger on the frame where she was going to put it; if she chose the right piece for the place, then she had one set down towards the game; if wrong, nothing; if she told the name of the piece, before looking at its face, she might be entitled to two and so on. The little girls said they should study the map well before they played the game again. This good resolution shows the usefulness of such a game in keeping up a lively attention; and attention is the sure precursor of memory. Older persons, as well as children, might in this way amuse themselves at least for a time, very profitably.

Troy, January 5, 1850.

EMMA WILLARD

From the Hon. CHRISTOPHER MORGAN, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Common Schools of the State of New York.

Secretary's Office, Albany, Dec. 26, 1849.

I have examined the "DISSECTING MAP" of McCLEARY & PIERCE. It is well adapted to the use of Children in learning the Geography of the State, and enables them to obtain an accurate and permanent idea of the localities of the several counties.

CHRISTOPHER MORGAN.

From His Excellency HAMILTON FISH, Governor of the State of New York.

Executive Chamber, Albany, January 3, 1850.

The slight examination which I have been enabled to give to the Map above referred to, induces me to concur in the opinion expressed by the Secretary of State.

HAMILTON FISH.

From DR. NOTT, President of Union College.

Union College, January 4, 1850.

Having examined the Dissected Map, I cheerfully express my concurrence in the opinion expressed by the Secretary of State in relation to it.

ELIPHALET NOTT.

From JOHN H. WILLARD, Principal of the Troy Female Seminary.

Female Seminary, Troy, Dec. 27, 1849.

I have examined McCLEARY & PIERCE'S "Geographical Analysis of the State of New York," and consider it admirably adapted to give children an accurate idea of the location of the Counties and principal Towns of the State, and also to fix permanently in their minds the route of the various Rivers, Canals and Railroads, which pass through it.

J. H. WILLARD, Principal.

From L. S. PARSONS, Principal of the Albany Female Academy.

Albany Female Academy, Jan. 3, 1850.

Messrs. McCLEARY & PIERCE,

Gentlemen:—I have examined your Geographical Analysis of this State, and highly approve of its construction and design.

The exact and relative position of the several counties and a permanent impression of their form, with the location of the Shire Town in each, it is believed can be more readily acquired from this analysis, than in any other way.

While it would seem peculiarly adapted to the young, in my view it may be used with advantage by the most advanced, and needs but to be known to be appreciated by all.

Yours, &c., L. S. PARSONS.

From the Rev. WILLIAM ARTHUR, author of "The Antiquarian" and formerly Principal of a popular Academy in the State of Vermont.

The Geographical Analysis lately published by Messrs. McCLEARY & PIERCE, forming a valuable addition to the numerous outline maps, and is a decided improvement in the art of teaching Geography. The child learns the shape, size and peculiarity of the several counties separately, and arranging and combining them in due order, cannot fail in a few days to obtain a correct knowledge of the boundaries and locality of each county in the State.

WILLIAM ARTHUR.

Hoosick, July 15, 1849.

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S. S. RANDALL, Editor and Deputy Superintendent of Common Schools.

Messrs. McCLEARY & PIERCE'S Geographical Analysis of the State of New York.

These little blocks are admirably adapted to the use of children in learning the geography of this State, and enable even the youngest to obtain an accurate and permanent idea of the localities of the several counties. We cheerfully recommend them to parents and teachers generally.

All Communications addressed to McCleary & Dusenbery, Water-vliet Centre, Albany Co., N. Y., will receive prompt attention.

Collector of Amer. Ant. & Hist. Soc.