

armory, library and scientific laboratories. This much needed addition to the working facilities of the college also greatly enhances its artistic beauty, adding dignity and grace to the appearance of the campus. This has been accomplished by means of the appropriation made by your Honorable Body during the session of 1898, and a detailed account of the expenditure of that appropriation has been submitted by the president of the college to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and we are of the opinion that the amount has been most judiciously used. The Joint Committee appointed by the General Assembly at its January session of 1894, and again at the session of 1896, drew attention in its report to the great need existing at that time for a new Library and Armory. Our visit to the portions of the new building set aside for these purposes has satisfied us of the great advantages resulting to the students therefrom.

The institution is *non-sectarian*, and has been formally acknowledged as a *ward of the State* by the resolution of 1832, which provides that the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Judges of the Court of Appeals should be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Visitors and Governors.

The authorities of the college are asking for an increase of \$7,000.00 to their annual endowment (thus bringing it up to the amount provided by the Act of 1866, as referred to above,) by means of which they propose to create fifty-two (52) additional partial scholarships, and to carry on the work of higher education in accordance with the provisions of their charter.

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#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Knott, from Committee on Corporations, reported unfavorably,

House bill entitled "An Act to provide for the use of Baltimore City Passenger Railway tracts by any Subur-