

commend it as such to the respect and confidence of the people of Maryland. But it is not what it should be;—it is not what it was in other days. It cannot be compared with the Colleges of our sister States. Maryland has not done justice to herself in this matter, nor to her citizens. She should possess, within her own borders, a Seminary of learning, at which her youth might be adequately instructed in all the highest branches of a liberal education. The committee feel bound to commend the College to the fostering care and the enlightened patronage of the General Assembly. Although a respectable seminary of learning, it is not properly endowed. It ought to be established on a better foundation; and its usefulness would be much promoted. It is now a College, without a Library;—for the scattered and unsuited volumes, which were shewn to the committee, do not merit the distinction of such a title. Although well supplied, comparatively, with mathematical instruments, especially such as are necessary to the proper study and practice of Civil Engineering, it still lacks many others, of great utility, and which it should possess. Many additions are necessary to the philosophical and chemical apparatus. The visitors and governors have not the means to supply these wants. A fund was raised by the energy and zeal of the President, from the voluntary contributions of individuals, chiefly alumni of St. John's, which has enabled the visitors and governors to build the new College edifice, now completed and in use, and which is particularly described in the report of the committee of last year. It well becomes the State to finish the work, so generously begun by private munificence.

Your committee, therefore, recommend a liberal appropriation in aid of the College, as a permanent addition to her revenue. The time is now auspicious. The investment of a million of the surplus revenue will yield a considerable income; and it appears to be the general sentiment, that this income should be sacredly pledged to the great purposes of education. It is the general expectation, that it will be so pledged. A portion of this may be most beneficially appropriated in aid of this college; and if a general system be devised, and some system ought to be devised, which will extend the blessings of education to every portion of the State, and to every class of her citizens, this college can