

students now belonging to the institution is seventy three, of whom fifty-two are engaged in the study of the ancient languages, and the various branches of the scientific course, and form the classes of what may be termed the College proper. The remaining twenty-one are studying the English branches at present, of whom the major part are expected to join the classical course, for which they are in preparation. Ten students are enjoying gratuitous instruction and are furnished with books, of their classes, respectively, without charge.

It is believed, that a thorough Collegiate course, embracing the ancient and modern languages, the study of Mathematics and the science of philosophy, natural and moral, can be afforded to the youth of Maryland, upon the score of economy and other advantages favourably to compare with the institutions of other States, to which the sons of our citizens are too generally attracted, by the enchantment of distance, and the influence of names.

The philosophical apparatus, and the mineralogical cabinet, have so often elicited the particular and favourable notice of former committees, that the committee do not deem it necessary to do more, than to add their assurance of the judicious selection, and careful preservation of the instruments, for scientific experiments, and the rich and progressive accumulation of specimens in the Cabinet illustrative of sources of fertilising auxiliaries for agriculture, and exhibiting proofs of mineral wealth, unrivalled by any equal territory in the Union, perhaps in the world.

The idea of a Professorship to be formed for the education of teachers, qualified to conduct Primary Schools, now so deservedly cherished by the bent and spirit of the age, has before been commended to your attention in the reports of your committees, but remains yet the theory of the mind, without that practical reality which the legislature of the State, is alone competent to effect.—If the finances of Maryland, were now in that healthful bouyancy, which has been heretofore and is still anticipated, from the consummation of her mighty projects of internal improvements, your committee would earnestly bespeak your favourable consideration of this additional department in the College.

If St. John's could become the alma-mater of well qualified teachers for the primary schools of our counties, she would confer blessings on the community, in the improved quality of common school education, that would revive the once glowing affection of Marylanders, and cause her to attract the support of the people, to whose gratitude and praise, she would be so eminently entitled. The committee, with other gentlemen of both branches of the Legislature, attended the exercises of the commencement, on the 22nd. instant, and take pleasure before closing their report, to express the gratification afforded them, in the the style and delivery of the orations of eight young gentlemen, upon whom the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred by the President, in the presence of the Visitors and the public.