

During the present session of 1899-1900 there are in attendance one hundred and forty-one students, classified as follows: Seniors, twenty-one (21); juniors, twelve (12); sophomores, thirty three (33); freshmen and special students, thirty-six (36); and there are in the preparatory or sub-freshmen classes thirty-nine pupils.

It will be seen that the number of collegiate students has, in spite of the financial depression of the past years, steadily maintained its general average, while the number of pupils in the Preparatory Department has somewhat decreased, owing to the fact that the standard for admission to this school has been raised.

*Military Department.*

In addition to the above report, I would call the attention of your Honorable Body to the Military Department of the College, which is in a very efficient condition, and at present under the direction of Major W. A. Thompson, of the U. S. Army, (retired,) lately detailed for the position.

The course of instruction is both theoretical and practical, and occupies one hour per week for theoretical, and four hours per week for practical instruction.

All the students are required to take part, (unless prevented by physical disability,) in the formation of the battalion of cadets, and to receive instruction in military drill and tactics.

This branch of education is regarded by the college authorities as the most efficacious method of imparting to young men and boys lessons of obedience, reverence, patience, manliness, neatness and punctuality.

At the outbreak of the recent war with Spain many of the alumni and students of the college found the value of their instruction when enlisted for active service, and took a prominent part during the conflict.

A number of students, under Prof. E. D. Pusey as Captain, formed Company A, First Maryland Volunteers.

It is estimated that during this war, two alumni held commissions in the U. S. Regular Army, thirteen students and alumni held commissions in the U. S. Volunteer Army, fourteen students or alumni were non-commissioned officers, and fifteen served as privates. Total engaged, forty-four.