

That in performance of the duty assigned to us, we did, on the afternoon of the 14th of February, visit St. John's College and after meeting the Faculty in the President's room, we listened to a statement of the needs and resources of the institution made to us by the President of the College, Dr. Thomas Fell. We next thoroughly examined the buildings in the college grounds and visited the dormitories, class rooms, laboratories, armory, library, etc.

That it is with much satisfaction we are able to report to your Honorable Body that the Visitors and Governors, President and Faculty of the college have not only well done all that could be required of them by the resolution referred to, but have shown all zeal and earnestness in keeping pace with the progress of the times, notwithstanding the small resources at their command.

We find from the annual catalogue issued by the college, that the number of students in attendance has, during the past five years, ranged between one hundred and twenty (120) and one hundred and sixty (160). Of this number seventy-three (73) are receiving their tuition free of charge. The standard of the educational courses pursued by them is fully equal to that presented by leading colleges of the country, as stated to us by said faculty.

We are also pleased to report a very noticeable improvement in the college buildings and recitation rooms, and especially in the heating of the three principal college halls, by the erection of a new steam power house, which is also used as a dwelling house by the engineer in charge. New bath rooms and closets have also been added to Humphrey's Hall and Pinkney Hall.

All of the above useful and necessary improvements have resulted from the expenditure of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) appropriated by the General Assembly of 1896, of which a detailed and satisfactory account was duly submitted by the president of the college to the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

In addition to the above, we take pleasure in calling your attention to the most noticeable improvement of late years in the erection of a new building containing