

Although this increased annuity was not more than equal to the interest on the principal of the arrearages of the annuity claimed of the State by the college, yet on the recommendation of their counsel, among whom was the Honorable Reverdy Johnson, they agreed to receive this grant and passed the resolution of which exhibit No. 5, is a copy.

The visitors relying on this legislation of the State, dismissed their appeal, and went on through the active co-operation and recommendation of the principal, to appoint their professors and complete the faculty of the college. They also with the means derived from the State and from the United States, put all the large buildings, seven in number, in complete repair for the occupation of students and boarders. But from many delays and difficulties beyond their control, not until the last of September, were the buildings so far ready as to authorize the publication of the opening of the college and boarding house. To this cause in a great degree, they ascribe it that so few students have yet entered the college from other parts of the State, but they have reason to anticipate accessions to the next term.

The college was opened in September last, the students now number eighty-two and the whole arrangements of the institution are conducted with system, efficiency and success. Never within the memory of the members of this Board, have the prospects of the college been so encouraging.

With large and commodious buildings in complete order, a principal well known throughout the country for his qualifications in an eminent degree to discharge the duties of his position, supported by a learned and scientific faculty, in harmony with his views of education, and with the means to keep up the institution in this condition for five years. We have every prospect within that period, to establish it on a permanent foundation, and more than restore it to its former reputation and usefulness.

When we see what is done in other States for their colleges, and what our own State has done for her public schools, paying last year most generously upward of one-half a million of dollars to them, we cannot but be surprised that Maryland has done so little heretofore for her colleges on which her public schools must depend for their instructors.

South Carolina, has expended near a million of dollars since 1801, on its State college, including buildings, library, &c, with a continuing annuity of \$26,000.

Virginia appropriated \$250,000 for the establishment of its University, besides an annuity of \$15,000. It has also built its Military Institute at Lexington, and endowed it with \$20,000 annually.