

limits, has no college worthy of her character, her population or her wealth; and hence she has lost to her people the hundreds of thousands of dollars which her liberal and enlightened citizens have contributed to colleges out of the State and which might have been contributed to St. John's if it had not been deprived of the means of being worthy of their endowments.

This is only one of the losses our people have sustained. Maryland now sends abroad about two hundred of her sons to seek in colleges out of the State, the means of education that should be afforded them within her borders; here is a loss of at least one hundred thousand dollars yearly to the expenditures within the State; what this State has lost since she deprived St. John's of the means of educating her sons, might be estimated at millions of dollars.

The selection by the United States, of Annapolis, as the permanent location for its Naval Academy, is itself the strongest argument in favor of the location of the State College here. This very selection affords peculiar advantages to St. John's in the patronage that the academy will extend to it, and the inducements afforded to persons whose sons are connected with the academy to send here for the education of their children.

Thus these two institutions may be the means of extending the population and wealth of the capital of the State. Large towns in the Eastern States, have been built up and supported almost entirely by the patronage of their colleges.

In this connection, we respectfully add a few words in relation to Annapolis. This city has certainly derived more advantage from St. John's than any other part of the State; but that will always be the case with the city or town within or near to which the college may be located. But it is known that the influence of Annapolis, has always been exerted to extend the benefits of this college to the whole State by the expenditure of its means in the erection of boarding houses, &c., on the college premises, which were especially for the benefit of students living out of the city.

It is due also to the citizens of Annapolis, to state that of the money contributed for the founding of this college in 1784, (i. e. thirty-two thousand dollars,) the citizens of Annapolis and of Anne Arundel county, and the "Rector and Visitors of Annapolis schools" contributed nearly one-half, and of the donations for the erection of the "blue building," (Humphrey Hall,) Annapolis alone contributed nearly one-third of the amount, and with this county, contributed more than one third thereof.

A few words in conclusion as to the plans and prospects of St. John's College.