

on the premises available for that purpose, and this has been the means of inducing the students to pay more attention to their physical development, but the building is too contracted, and a well-appointed gymnasium is still a desideratum, for nothing contributes more to a student's health than regular and not too excessive gymnastic exercise.

#### STATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The system of State Scholarships, adopted by the Board of Visitors and Governors, is well-known to your Honorable Body. In consideration of the aid received from the State, six students from each Senatorial district are educated free of charge for tuition, room-rent and use of text-books, and the charge for board, fuel, lights and washing has been placed at as low a figure as these could possibly be afforded in this city, which is two hundred dollars for the ten months' session. In the endeavor to afford a higher education to all who might apply for entrance on as reasonable terms as possible, the entire charge for students, who pay for their tuition, has been placed at two hundred and fifty dollars, the same amount as previous to 1861, terms which are too low for the maintenance of the College, as may be seen by comparison with the Colleges, and even the high schools and academies of other States, but which the Board is unwilling to raise, for fear of excluding some deserving youth. In addition to the State Scholarships there are ten Foundation Scholarships belonging to the City of Annapolis, and, besides those educated on the State and city scholarships, the sons of all ministers of the Gospel of any denomination, are received free of charge for tuition, and some others have been received free of all charges in return for slight services rendered. Thus, during the past session, eighty-one students were educated free of charge for tuition, and two of these free of all charges, and, during the present session, of the one hundred and eighteen students in attendance seventy-three are received free of charge for tuition, and two of these free of all charges.

But it does not appear that this system has been properly appreciated in the State, for otherwise the whole number of scholarships ought to be filled each year. It does not yet effect satisfactorily the object for which it was established; that is, to enable those to obtain a higher education who are unable to pay for it. Also, an omission in the system is, that it does not provide for any remuneration to the State by personal services, or otherwise, for the relief afforded. The University of Virginia educates free of charge for tuition alone one student from each senatorial district, for a period of two years, and requires these students to teach for two years within the State in return for the assistance afforded. The