

paid towards building the "Maryland Insane Asylum." By Chapter 213 of 1864, a further sum of \$175,000 was appropriated, of which sum \$80,000 was paid in 1868, and the work on the building resumed. During the last fiscal year \$95,000 was paid, making a total of \$340,000 expended on said building.

Humanity demands that this class of unfortunates should be provided for, and a further appropriation will be asked by the Board of Directors. It is all-important that the building should be completed as speedily as possible, that it may be used for the purposes designed.

DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM.

By Chapter 247 of 1867, the sum of \$25,000 was appropriated for the erection of a Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Frederick City; also, a further sum of \$5,000 per annum for the support of said Institution. On the execution of a bond to the Treasurer, and certificate that they had received the Mutes of the State, the annual and special appropriations have been paid.

The General Assembly of 1868, following the acts of former years, appropriated \$7,500 for the education of Mutes, a portion of whom are still retained at the Columbia Institute, Washington, D. C. As the State has made ample provision for this unfortunate class, I think it entirely proper that those from the Counties and Baltimore City, who are beneficiaries, should be sent to Frederick City. I have no doubt the Executive will call your attention to this subject in his Annual Message, and impress its importance.

RECEIPTS FROM PUBLIC WORKS.

The Northern Central Railway has promptly paid the annuity of \$90,000 due on the one and a half millions of dollars of bonds held by the State. The Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal Company has paid, but not so promptly as could be desired, or as necessary for the credit of the Company, the \$60,000 due on their bonds. It will be perceived that \$30,000 was due in 1868 at the close of the fiscal year.