

would be rendered towards its accomplishment. One day in the year devoted to such a purpose would certainly be a modest demand on the part of a Government, whose per centum of taxation has been kept, under existing circumstances, within the moderate dimensions of the present State Tax.

The State levy for the year 1882, was \$871,546.59, of which was paid into the Treasury the sum of \$490,923.79, and the balance of \$380,622.80 remains uncollected. The amount due by Collectors of previous years, exclusive of interest, is \$545,964.83, making the total amount uncollected \$926,587.63. These outstanding taxes, in the hands of Collectors, have been reduced in amount, since the year 1878, \$223,818.82. The sum is, however, still large, and it would be a great help to the revenues of the State, if some improved plan for the prompt payment of these taxes to the State, were adopted.

The receipts of taxes from incorporated institutions, were \$63,336.41. The amount due and unpaid by these institutions, is \$108,125.83. Steps have been taken to enforce these collections.

The receipts from licenses and taxes imposed upon foreign insurance companies, were \$49,442.24. In the year 1881, they were \$52,868.30.

The gross receipts of the Tobacco Warehouses were \$72,070.53, and the net earnings \$3,667.10. The Tobacco Inspectors receive a salary of \$1,800 per annum, and should make their Warehouses at least self-sustaining. In the year 1881, their receipts were \$75,320.02, and their net earnings \$10,585.12, a little more than required to pay their salaries. Last year the net earnings did not pay the salaries, and they were a tax upon the Treasury to the amount of \$5,332.90.

The receipts on account of the Oyster Fund, were \$57,751.05. The expenses, chargeable to this fund, including salaries and the purchase of a new sloop, were \$39,070.59, showing an increase of this fund, \$18,680.46. The increase in 1881, was \$6,522.09.