

The terms of the State free scholarships at present, ten in number, will expire at the close of the present scholastic year. They are being enjoyed by young ladies selected by the proper authorities of the several counties and legislative district as drawn by the Comptroller in virtue of the provisions of said Act of endowment, viz: Allegany, Caroline, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Somerset, Worcester, Wicomico, and Third Legislative District of Baltimore city.

In addition to those provided for by the State under said Act our Board of Trustees, by arrangement with the principal, has established three other free scholarships elective annually; this making thirteen young ladies enjoying the benefits of a refined education free of charge, through the munificence of the State and economical management of resources at our command.

The buildings which have been erected and in use for near a half century are of considerable magnitude, requiring our exacting attention and economical application of the amount provided for repairs, which since our last report have been considerable; portions of the metal roofing and spouting have been renewed, the porches, steps, shutters, walls around the area and meat-house have been repaired, also some painting, papering and other inside work has been done, rendering the condition of them all fair, and in a good state of preservation.

The Board of Trustees comprise fourteen members originally selected equally, as near as possible from the three prevailing religious denominations of the county, and to the present time the same rule exists as to the selection, they serve without compensation or reward, and are governed in the management of the institution by the strictest principles of religious toleration, no favor to, or exclusion of any particular sect, are permitted within its walls while facilities are provided for each young lady to practice their own particular faith.

Our board, at the last autumn meeting, in view of the existing necessity of having erected a hall sufficiently commodious to provide for healthful exercises for the pupils, and accommodation of the classes, examinations and commencement exercises, selected a