

and twenty years, as returned by the Superintendent of the State Census, taken under authority of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1901. The sum of fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated to pay for the accomplishment of this work, which was expeditiously done and the compilation certified to the State Comptroller to be used by him as the basis for the apportionment of the public school fund by that officer for less than half the amount appropriated therefor. The tables thus prepared furnish a much more accurate, fair and satisfactory basis to be used in apportioning the school fund than that founded upon the returns of the Federal Census, which was confessedly incorrect.

#### THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

There are many valuable and efficient institutions of learning in Maryland which receive appropriations from the State in consideration of educating students selected by the different county authorities.

The relations of the State towards such institutions are upon a business basis. The status of the Maryland Agricultural College is extraordinary, as a large share of the capital stock of that corporation is owned by the State, and the college is practically a State institution, and under the management and control of the State.

It is therefore especially gratifying to note the steady growth and increasing usefulness of the College.

The functions of the institution are complex and extensive.

It offers four years collegiate work along the lines of agricultural and mechanical instruction in the ordinary course of a college curriculum.

It also offers a two years course in agriculture, and a ten weeks course in any of the special lines of the agricultural profession, such as dairying, stock feeding, etc.

The college conducts scientific investigation in connection with many agricultural problems which confront modern agriculturists, and the publication and dissemination of these results, for the benefit of the