

amount of money, about \$7,200 up to date, for the armory, which should be promptly refunded by the State.

Under the Statute the armory is placed in charge of "The Board of Trustees of the 5th Regiment Armory," and that board is responsible for its safety. If the board is to be held responsible for the armory it should have the means in its own hands to maintain the armory, as heretofore the old 5th Regiment Armory was cared for out of the militia fund, which is not under the control of the board of trustees. In short, at present the board is saddled with a responsibility without the power to discharge its obligations. I would accordingly suggest that in future an appropriation sufficiently large to keep the armory in repair be made directly to the board of trustees, which amount should probably be about \$2,000.00 per year.

NEW COURT OF APPEALS BUILDING.

This building is under the direction of a special commission created by the General Assembly of 1900.

The commission issued invitations to various architects to submit plans in competition for said building. The design submitted by Messrs. Baldwin & Pennington was selected from over thirty designs submitted by various architects throughout the country.

Proposals for the construction of the buildings were invited by advertisement, resulting in the contract for the construction of the building being awarded to Messrs. Henry Smith & Sons, of Baltimore, on July 3d, 1901.

Progress on its early construction was somewhat delayed on account of strikes, bad weather and the difficulty of obtaining granite for the base of the building. The corner stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies on March 20th, 1902, and the building was practically completed in the early fall of 1903, in time for the October term of the Court of Appeals.

The building shows for itself. It is of a handsome, simple classic design, the exterior being constructed of Maryland granite base, brick superstructure, with limestone trimmings. The building has been con-