

been placed in the building, thus making it convenient for access to the Court of Appeals and library floor. The building is thoroughly ventilated and is heated by the most modern and approved system of indirect hot water, the water being heated by steam conducted from the central heating plant, thus avoiding dirt and all danger from fire.

CENTRAL HEATING STATION.

The central heating plant has been constructed upon property purchased by the State near the railroad station. This plant consists of a large brick boiler house of fire proof construction, with the necessary boilers and apparatus for heating the various State buildings, thus having all the fires, boilers, fuel and attention required for this purpose concentrated at one point, which is convenient for fuel delivery.

Ample accommodations have been arranged for the increase of this heating plant in the future, and for the introduction of an electric power plant if desired to be under the same roof and operated by the same boiler.

THE ADDITION TO THE STATE HOUSE.

The Legislature of 1902 appointed a special commission to construct an annex or addition to the State House, for the use of the General Assembly of Maryland, the number of members of the General Assembly and their additional requirements having entirely outgrown the old accommodations.

The commission in charge of this work carefully considered various plans and suggestions submitted, decided to remove the additions which had been constructed at the rear of the old State House, and in the place of these to build an addition of proper size and arrangement, suitable for the accommodation of the General Assembly.

The plans and specifications for this building were accordingly prepared and proposals invited for the construction of the work, resulting in the award of the contract to Messrs. Henry Smith & Sons, of Baltimore, the lowest bidders.