

The institution should have additional heating apparatus and more power, as the capacity of the present heating and power plant is inadequate for the growing needs of the building.

Adequate provision should also be made for a sure and uninterrupted supply of water.

Many necessary improvements have been made at the House of Correction, and the Superintendent and Board of Managers have conducted the institution with great skill and rare judgment.

#### THE STATE LIBRARY.

The State Library has recently been moved into new quarters, which entailed considerable labor and some extra expense.

The Library has grown constantly, the books are systematically arranged and the conduct of the Library is exceptionally good.

#### WORK OF THE FISH COMMISSIONERS.

During the past two years the Fish Commissioners have been more successful in the propagation of white and yellow perch, shad, bass and trout fry than in previous years.

Many millions of these valuable fish have been planted in the streams of the State.

The work of the State Fish Commissioners has attracted the attention of and has been favorably commented upon by the United States Fish Commission, and that department sent its specialists on fish culture to Maryland to observe the work being done and the methods employed by our commission.

The hatching of shad, one of our most important food fish, and the distribution of fry during the season of 1902 was the best in the history of the commission. The season of 1903, owing to the exceedingly unfavorable weather conditions was not nearly so good, but our success compared favorably with the results secured by other seaboard states and by the United States Government Hatchery.

A large number of brook trout and large mouth black bass have been secured and planted in the various rivers of the eastern and western shores.