

of in the crowd on that occasion, which furnishes the finest opportunity for advertising ever open to man. We have a small appropriation available for the use of the commission appointed to look after the Maryland exhibits, but which is totally inadequate to make a display in keeping with our possibilities and the occasion.

The amount should be speedily supplemented by an additional appropriation. Great expedition will be required on the part of the commissioners in any case to make the best showing possible, but their efforts will be unavailing if your Honorable Body does not act at once.

A State building on the fair grounds is eminently desirable, possible of construction within the time available, and will prove an inestimable comfort and convenience to the many Marylanders and their friends who will from time to time visit the fair, and especially on September 12th, which has been set apart as Maryland Day.

It is due our business, manufacturing and farming interests that Maryland shall be kept to the front at the exposition.

CONCLUSION.

A thorough and complete resume of all the facts regarding the ramifications of the State's manifold interests would tax your patience and mine. I have, therefore, endeavored in the preceding pages to treat as concisely as a due regard for the necessities of the case possibly permits, those subjects only which the organic law and the Statutes of the State require me to inform you of, and also a few matters which in my judgment are of such importance as to demand your action, I have purposely refrained from suggesting any detailed plan of legislative action, because I have no power to co-operate with you in the development and adoption of any such plan. Suggestions from me would therefore partake of the nature of a gratuitous, academic discussion, void of practical results, which might be regarded as an intrusion. I shall accordingly