

ply of books has been given to a house in Baltimore, and the institution will soon have them in possession, for the use of the students. In addition to the above there remains to be collected about \$2,000 on a subscription to the fund, obtained in 1835, amounting to \$14,000, of which sum \$12,000 have been expended in the erection of the new college edifice—one half of the balance, when received, will be expended for the purchase of rare and valuable books for the library. The board has also, we learn taken preliminary steps to establish a professorship of natural science. The committee think, under the existing order and disposition of the college, no additional professorship can be desirable, and would respectfully discourage the idea of enlarging the expenditure of the institution by the introduction of any new professorship at this time. The professor of modern languages has possession of the new college building, in which he will receive as boarders the students from a distance, and afford the advantage of acquiring a knowledge of those tongues, by a residence in his family.

The officers of the institution are,

A President and Professor of Moral Science;

A Professor of Ancient Languages.

A Professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering.

A Professor of Modern Languages.

A Professor of Grammar and Master of the Grammar School.

The course of study is parallel with the courses established in the Colleges in New England, and extends through four years; namely, the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior, after the students have been carried through the preparatory course.

Ten students are received in virtue of the charter, and provision is made by the board to admit one student, in addition, from each county of this State, *free of tuition*. Under this last provision, we learn several valuable young men, from different counties have graduated within the last few years, and become important members of the literary community.

The number of students who remain through the four years, to be graduated, compared with those who pursue a partial course of study is small, still it is not deemed admissible to lower the standard of qualifications for degrees, and those who aspire to the honors of the institution, are required to prepare themselves to sustain as rigid examinations as obtained in the best colleges in the Union.

The number of students now in the institution is seventy one—of this number sixty-two are pursuing the classical scientific branches of the course.

In conclusion, your committee take great pleasure in commending St. John's College to the special care and consideration of the General Assembly.

H. WILLSON, Chairman

Of the Senate Committee.

E. HAMMOND, Chairman

Of the committee on the part of the House.