

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,

Baltimore, November 30th, 1862.

To the Honorable, A. W. BRADFORD,
Governor of Maryland:

We have the honor to submit to your Excellency our Annual Report of the operations and condition of this Institution for the last year.

For the statistical information we refer you to the accompanying tables, numbers I to 8, inclusive, and for its financial condition, to tables marked A, B, C, D, and E.

By reference to the Clerk's Report, which we submit, it will be seen that in the last year the liabilities of the Institution have been reduced from \$36,185.76 to \$6,864.21. This has been done by converting all the goods on hand into cash, and applying the proceeds, together with that portion of the appropriation made by the last Legislature, which we have drawn, to the payment of the debts.

We have directed our best efforts to the curtailment of the expenses of the Institution. Notwithstanding the higher prices of most articles consumed, which have prevailed during the last year, they have been diminished by the amount of \$1,051.92.

Great difficulty has been found in employing the prisoners. This is owing to the stagnation of business of almost every kind, arising from the peculiar state of the country; affecting individuals as well as public institutions. In October last, three of our Board visited the Penitentiaries in Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts, with the purpose of obtaining information which would enable us to introduce some new employments. They found various articles manufactured in those Institutions which have never been made here.