

by the legislature of Maryland, have as yet availed themselves of that provision. The institution is at all times prepared to receive pupils, though we prefer their joining it in the spring or autumn; and we have taken some pains to disseminate information in Maryland, not only in regard to the ability of the institution to educate deaf mutes, but also in regard to the liberality of the legislature towards the poor of the state.

Whatever may be yet in our power to do for this object, we shall do with the greatest cheerfulness.

The legislature of Pennsylvania has for several years past, been our principal patron, and has during its present session, by an unanimous vote, renewed its grant for the support of fifty pupils of the state, for four years from the first of April next. The terms are the same as those upon which we receive the pupils of Maryland, namely \$160 per annum for each individual.

The system of instruction in the institution, is that which has been most generally and most successfully pursued both in the United States and in Europe.

It is the same with that of the American Asylum in New-England, and with that of the Royal Institution in France. Its success, hitherto, has been, it is believed, very generally satisfactory, and its Directors are determined to spare no pains to render it as complete as possible in all its departments. Five competent teachers are employed in the school, and all the charity pupils of suitable age, are employed for about four hours each day, in some useful manual occupation. The object in this is to promote industrious habits, and thus to qualify them for usefulness upon returning to their friends.

I fear, Sir, that I may not have touched upon all the topics on which information was desired by the house of delegates. If so, I shall feel myself honoured, as will, I am sure, any other member of the