

quently if means be adopted to extend knowledge, an increase of power will follow. Thus, then, if the mind of the state be cultivated, will it not lead to the better cultivation of the soil? and who can estimate the mighty results that may be made to flow from these two great primary sources of wealth, the mind of the state, and the soil of the state?

If they remain uncultivated, must not the wealth and power of the State, remain stationary? It is appalling to reflect upon the amount of capital, enterprise and population, that have left the State in the last thirty years. Can it be believed, that those masses of citizens would have left the places of their nativity, and all those hallowed recollections, and foregone the advantages of an atlantic market, if they had been taught to appreciate the value of marl and lime in the renovation of exhausted lands? Your committee think it cannot, and entertain the belief, that when the properties and effects of those agents, are more generally understood by the farmer and their application regulated by analysis, universal confidence in their use will be established and uniform success attend their application. In proportion as the means of rendering home agreeable, and business profitable would be increased, emigration would subside, and capital and population become fixed.

Your committee, propose by the accompanying bill, to take a small pittance from the coffers of the State, to further this great object, assuring the legislature and their fellow-citizens throughout the State, that it has been prompted by a high sense of duty, and under a conviction that it will be returned many thousand fold, not only in the increased products of agriculture and its influence upon all other business, but in awakening a thirst for, and in disseminating knowledge among our people, that great palladium of our liberty and security.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

D. W. NAILL,

From the committee.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Naill, from the committee on agriculture, reported a bill, entitled an act to provide for the appointment of an agriculture chemist for the State of Maryland; and

Mr. Causin, chairman of the committee on corporations, reported a bill, entitled an act to incorporate the Maryland Institution of Literature, Science and Art;

Which were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Le Grand, from the committee on corporations, reported a bill, entitled an act to incorporate the St. Joseph's Beneficial Society of Baltimore;

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Gittings, chairman of the committee on pensions to indigent