

In the past year, the sum of \$2.852.27 has been expended for the tuition of the Indigent Deaf and Dumb; and \$1000, for the tuition of the Indigent Blind. No applicant has been admitted within the year.

The State Agricultural Chemist has called my attention to the necessity of the establishment of a permanent Laboratory; and, the appointment of an Assistant. The great advantages, which have hitherto resulted, from the creation of this Agricultural Department, must command your admiration, and claim your further patronage. The application of scientific investigations to practical agriculture has produced the most salutary effects. I recommend to your most favorable consideration, the views presented, by the distinguished Gentleman, who so ably presides over this important branch of public policy.

I have received a number of resolutions, upon various subjects, sent to me by the Authorities of other States; which are herewith transmitted.

During the administration of my immediate Predecessor, the Board of Managers of the "Washington National Monument" presented to the State a piece of the Corner Stone of that noble testimonial to the FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY. I have placed it, in the State Library, subject to your orders.

I have, now, Gentlemen, discharged my duty. I have, perhaps, exhausted your patience; but, I have, by no means, exhausted my subjects. There are many things, which I desired to bring to your notice. The great length of this Communication, however, compels me to pass them over, for the present. I think, that, I have not occupied your attention with any matters unimportant to the interests of the State. I sincerely hope that, your legislation may conduce to the welfare of Maryland.

E. LOUIS LOWE.

Annapolis, Md., January 7th, 1852.