

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE BOARD OF POLICE EXAMINERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1928

BALTIMORE, MD., January 2, 1929.

*To His Excellency,
Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland.*

SIR:

The annual report of the Board of Police Examiners for the year ended December 31, 1928, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The general salary increase granted members of the Police Department at the last session of the General Assembly of Maryland, is attracting a higher grade of men to the ranks of the Police Department. The increase reached its maximum the first of this year and the Board is now preparing for an examination of applicants for the grade of Probationer, which will be held some time next month. From present indications nearly one thousand men will take this examination.

Because of the great number of applicants and the small number of vacancies, the Board has raised the standard of eligibility for those aspiring to be policemen and in the future it will be possible for the Board of Examiners to nominate men of a much higher type from the viewpoint of physical as well as mental ability. Applicants are now required to be not less than five feet ten inches tall, to weigh not less than one hundred and fifty pounds, to be over twenty-five and under thirty-five years of age. The mental examinations are also being made more difficult.

During the past year 517 men took the examination for Probationer and 400 passed the mental tests. Less than ten per cent of this number received appointment.

The Board is endeavoring in every way to co-operate with the Commissioner in his desire to increase the efficiency of the Department and to continue to make investigations and changes for the betterment of conditions.

The Board wishes to call your attention to the increase in the number of men seeking promotion. This display of ambition on the part of the men shows the Department to be in a healthy condition. In previous years it was an unusual thing for more than 200 men to appear for examinations for promo-