The necessity of having a house of industry & correction for the reclaiming of Juvenile delinquents, having so often and so forcibly been brought to your notice, leaves nothing to be added by me except to concur fully in all that has been said in favour of it.

The police department with the inadequate number of men attached to it, have done as much as could be expected of them. The city has been entirely exempt from any serious out breaks or formidable combinations to disturb the public peace, except one immediately succeeding the Presidential Election, from the throng, and decisive expressions of all good citizens at the time, against such conduct, the lawless disposed were soon sensible of their folly and madness, as a consequence order was soon restored. And to guard against any such attempts in future, it may be well to assure them, that no clemency will be shewn, but the utmost rigour of the law will be enforced. The new division of the wards will require two additional police officers.

I have felt much the necessity of the City having a Fiscal year, which would end on the 30th day of November, now the reports of the different Departments are not made and presented to the Executive, until the day made incumbent by the Charter to present his annual communications to the Councils, so that much matter of interest which ought to accompany his annual communication is left out, the modification of ordinances or the recommending of additional duties required of them is entirely overlooked from the absolute impossibility of knowing what is necessary or proper to recommend under the present system.

The public Schools Commissioners have not made their report to me, consequently I am unable to give any account in detail of what has been done by them, except from general reports, and some little personal observation. All that I have seen & heard, gives the satisfactory assurance that the public schools are progressing to the highest state of prosperity, nothing can afford greater satisfaction to an enlightened community than the knowledge that through the munificence of the City Council, aided as they have been in their praiseworthy efforts by patriotic and public spirited individuals to

Education has been placed within the reach of every one, however humble or poor he may be; what a triumph for modern civilization over ancient darkness and false philosophy; then the height of patriotism was national aggrandisement to feed the body, now to feed the mind - aliment for the mind is as absolutely necessary for the mind as for the body; our happy system of government depends for support entirely upon intelligence and virtue; All from the highest to the lowest are immediate active agents in carrying it on, so that with us, universal education combined with moral instruction constitute our only security; it is the foundation and the superstructure.

In taking a general review of our City we have much to felicitate ourselves on, the past gives cheering hopes of the future.

The very great efforts making by the Temperance reformers have been benefically felt already, and gives promise of much greater good in future.

Religion and that moral instruction are exerting a powerful influence over both the young and old. Literary and scientific institutions are laudably ambitious of rivalling each other in the spreading of light and knowledge before the people. Lyceums are springing up in every section of the Town inviting the young men from the haunts of vice and wickedness to rational enjoyment by the improvement of the mind, much is due to the public press for the able and efficient aid in affording in carrying on the great moral work of reform; to these combined causes we owe much of our healthy and orderly condition the past year.

Less reliance upon law and more upon moral influence will give much greater security to the community.

The only cause for serious reflection is our financial condition, this I am sorry to say holds out no flattering prospects for the future, the heavy indebtedness of the City to pay the annual Interest will require a very burdensome tax upon the personal & real property of the City, amounting probably to one & one fourth per cent upon the fair value - to bear up under it will require all our fortitude — The present debt of the City amounts to $4.680.870.89 including the amount of stock in the hands of the Commissioners of Finance, we are also liable to be called on this year for the balance of subscription to the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company of $1.000.000 which will make the whole