istrates in relation to these children were here stated, a fearful amount of startling depravity would have to be detailed. I merely refer you to the subject, assuring you that in no way can the peace, security, and moral welfare of the community be more effectually promoted than by the passage of an ordinance, making it the imperative duty of the police to arrest and take to the almshouse all vagrants engaged in the debasing and pernicious practices referred to – the aged and decrepid to be properly nursed – the strong and heathy to be made to work – the young to be schooled or bound apprentice to suitable trades.

There has been presented to the city of Baltimore by Dr. James Wynne, the chairman of the committee of "the American Medical Association", a report upon public hygiene, which is filled with invaluable statistical information, and with able suggestions and reflections thereon, in reference to the diseases, their causes and preventives, in the different cities of the Union. I have never met with a more intelligent review of the sanatory regulations of the various populous cities and towns, in which our own is embraced, than this work contains. The vast amount of practical information collected can perhaps no where else be found.

In noticing the improvement in the quiet and good order of the city, it would be unjust, not to bear testimony to the vigilant, faithful and discreet manner with which the police of the city, night and day have discharged their duties. I question if there is a city in the world of equal extent, more free from depredations of burglars, thieves, and similar outlaws than Baltimore. An extensive robbery is of rare occurrence, and still more rare when the guilty are not discovered. The expense of our police system is much less than that of any other city of equal population.

I have received the reports of the president and directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, and of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, which are herewith transmitted.

It occurred to me that it would be interesting

to the public, to have laid before them a condensed statement of the various branches of industry and business operations within and contiguous to our city during the past year. I was myself surprised in many instances at their extent and increasing magnitude; I likewise contemplated an additional statistical account of the quantity of domestic produce, which sought our market in 1849. To accomplish this, I addressed several hundred circulars to gentlemen who could have imparted the information, but from some cause, but few answers have been returned. To those from whom I have received information my thanks are due. I lay the same before you, but very imperfectly, as some of the articles are only inspected at the will of the buyer or seller. It is beyond a doubt, that there is no better market in this country, or perhaps any other, which affords a more abundant quantity or better quality of building materials than ours. From the superior quality of our brick, they are sought for from New York, Philadelphia, and New Orleans. Nor is it in this quality of the article of building materials alone, that Baltimore excels. In such facilities our city is almost without a rival; and perhaps that cause, in part, may account for the fact, that more buildings have been put up here the past year, than in the Empire city, New York. In our quarries of marble and granite, from the foundation stone to the shingle, in lime, sand, and all other materials, we have at hand inexhaustible resources, and to which may be justly added, in every department, a class of mechanics of taste and skill, who pre-eminently know how to use them.

The following, therefore, is the statement, I have received of the resources and products of our city and state, and amount of business centering in the City of Baltimore, in various branches of trade, during the year. 1849.

Vessels.

79 built in the City of Baltimore	11.168 tons burthen

Tobacco.

Amount inspected in the City of Baltimore as received from the several State Tobacco Warehouses,	45.435 Hhds.
Shipped in same year	37.454 do.