REPORT.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
Baltimore, January 1, 1866.

To the Honorable the Mayor and
City Council of Baltimore:

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit the ninth annual report of the operations of this office.

The entire loss by fires for which alarms have been given as will be seen by reference to Table A, has amounted to the sum of seventy-nine thousand, one hundred and ninety-one dollars and eighty-nine cents. The amount of insurance paid was sixty-six thousand, three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and eighty-nine cents; making a loss over and above insurance of twelve thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars. The loss by fire is eighty-four thousand, three hundred and ninety dollars and fifty-eight cents less than last year. The amount will compare favorably with any other city in proportion to number of inhabitants. In all cases and under all circumstances, no matter how combustible the matter of material was, our Baltimore City Paid Department has at all times and under every emergency proved by the activity and energy of its officers and members fully competent to discharge the duties for which the department was instituted. A number of fires have occurred within this city during the past twelve months for which no alarms have been given to call out the fire department, the number of the same and amount of loss this office has no account. An alarm was sounded on January 6, at 9.05 A. M., caused by the falling of a building on which