The committee have endeavoured to meet the views of the Legislature by giving to this apartment, such advantages of appearance and comfort as they deem suited to the object. They have spared no pains to accomplish this purpose on the most economical terms compatible with the main object.

There being no chimney attached to the room, the committee felt it difficult to determine on the best mode of warming it, but after diligent enquiry into the advantages of the various propositions presented to their acceptance, they adopted the plan of effecting it by heated air from a furnace in the cellar. In making this selection they were influenced both by their conviction of its perfect security, economy, and equable diffusion of heat through every part of the room, and by a desire to ascertain by an actual experiment, of little cost, should it fail, if the same method might not be advantageously applied to heating all the apartments in the building, satisfied if practicable, it would be much the cheaper as well as safest, most agreeable and healthful manner of rendering the whole comfortable.

Having been disappointed in procuring the furnace and its appendages at as early a period as they were promised by the manufacturer, it was put up in a hurried and imperfect manner, and the committee are hence not prepared, though they believe it will prove quite adequate to the object, to recommend its application to warming the residue of the building.

In the purchase of furniture, they believe they have observed true economy by procuring none which was not of the best quality, and they are gratified to state that the whole of it is of American, and nearly all, including the carpet and oil cloth, of Maryland manufacture, and of a quality which they think will bear comparison with the like articles wherever manufactured.

The report of the Librarian on the subject of the expenditure of the annual appropriation, for the gra-