

FOURTH BIENNIAL REPORT

—OF—

Mines, Manufactures and Agriculture.

BUREAU OF MINES, MANUFACTURES
AND AGRICULTURE,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 1, 1896.

To His Excellency, James P. Clarke, Governor :

I have the honor to submit herewith the Fourth Biennial Report of the Bureau of Mines, Manufactures and Agriculture of the State of Arkansas for the years 1895 and 1896.

EXHIBITS.

This Bureau is required by law to collect and keep, in suitable form, specimens of the products and resources of the State, for public exhibition, in the office assigned it in the State House.

Since its organization quite a creditable collection has been made from time to time, much of which is in the form of mineral ores and manufactured articles, which are more or less non-perishable and permanent exhibits. One of the chief attractions of our display is fruits and vegetables, which are perishable and should be replaced every season.

We have succeeded in keeping up a fair exhibit of these latter products, but not as good as we might and ought if we had the necessary funds for that purpose.

For the last two years only one thousand dollars was appropriated for the maintenance of this department, for all purposes—a sum wholly inadequate to the urgent needs of the Bureau.