

Mr. Hemsley, chairman of the committee on education, delivered the following report—

The committee on education to whom was referred the memorial of the executive committee of the Sunday School Union of the State of Maryland, praying to be exempted from the payment of taxes, and asking an appropriation from the school fund, in aid of that institution, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report.

That it is computed, that there are at present twenty five thousand scholars receiving the benefits of Sunday School instruction through the agency of this institution. Its benefits are widely diffused—and reach principally that class of persons whose indigence entitled them to the favourable consideration of the Legislature; there is nothing sectarian about its character; it embraces all denominations. Its object is to afford gratuitous sabbath day instruction to the children of all classes—your committee are of opinion that the great good, which has resulted, and which must continue to result from the beneficent operations of this institution, calls for the patronage and encouragement of the State; they therefore have reported the following resolutions.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, cause to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the annual sum of two hundred dollars to the President of the Executive Committee of the Sunday School Union, of the State of Maryland.

Resolved further, That the property belonging to said Sunday School Union be hereafter released from taxation

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HEMSLEY, Chairman.

By order, Jos. C. TALBOT, Clerk

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time.

Mr. Gough moved to amend said report, by adding at the end of the 1st resolution the following, "to be equally divided between the several counties in this state and the city of Baltimore, as reported to the Sunday School Union;"

Mr. Poyd moved that the 1st resolution and amendment be rejected.

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day.

The house then resumed the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee of the