

1852, Jan. 13. The President and Board, in a report to the General Assembly, declare their opinion, that it is not expedient to enlarge the present Hospital; which, however, they recommend to be preserved as an auxiliary institution.

I ask your attention, in closing the presentation of the above facts, illustrating the inability of the Board of Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, to afford admission for the fast increasing numbers of applicants, to the Institution at Mount Hope, in the vicinity of Baltimore, and established and conducted by a band of the Sisters of Charity; the visiting physician, Dr. W. H. Stokes, of Baltimore. The ninth Annual Report reaches the public, embodying an earnest claim on Legislative interposition, to protect it from encroachments which threaten its very existence. A petition, sustained by such arguments, as are feelingly and emphatically therein set forth, merits the impartial consideration of those who control the issues of its destiny.

Mt. Hope Hospital is not exclusively, nor mainly occupied for the treatment of insanity;—but according to its report, a majority of the patients are of that class; we make exception to 56 cases during the past twelve months, of *mania a potu*, a malady not coming rightly under the statistics of insanity, of the 102 cases admitted during the past year under varying forms of mental disease, 54 were recorded under the division of *mania a potu*. Two already were in the Hospital at the commencement of 1852. So that we have before us the record 52 discharged recovered, 2 remaining at the present date, and 2 deceased. In 1850 and '51, 70 cases were treated at Mount Hope, for this malady. The whole number of patients of all classes now remaining, is stated to be 115. Thus is shown the sole provision had in Maryland for cure of the insane.

On the first of January, 1850, according to the most correct tables I possess, we find within the limits of Baltimore city alone, 348 insane individuals: this does not include the insane in private families, either in the city or county at large, nor does it include idiots, simpletons, and epileptics,—a large class to omit.

January 1st, 1850, there were—	
In the Maryland Hospital, - - - -	133
In Mount Hope Hospital, - - - -	74
Total, under curative treatment, - -	217
In the Alms House, were - - - -	123
In the Penitentiary, - - - -	8
Total, recorded cases in Baltimore city alone,	348

Cases in private families not noted here.