

patients and thirty servants have been provided for during the year, at a cost to the institution of not more than one hundred and thirty-five dollars. The hats are made of coney and cotton—are neat, durable and comfortable—superior greatly in all respects to the wool hat, which, if purchased at wholesale, would cost considerably more than is expended under our present arrangement.

It is not *occupation* alone, but *useful employment*, that so eminently assists other remedial moral means for the restoration of the patient. Hence the value of a productive farm or plantation, on which those who are able, and whose early habits permit, may find in labor, not the curse, but the inestimable blessing of well-directed toil; due exercise of the physical powers, and occupied attention, recalling the disturbed and distracted mind to the integrity of sound health.

I have endeavored to prove the advantages to be possessed by hospital treatment for the insane. I have tried to illustrate the disadvantages of domestic care and prescription for this suffering class of our fellow-beings. I have glanced at the inefficiency and cruelty of a poor-house and prison residence for the epileptic and the maniac. In imagination, for a short time, place yourselves in their stead. Enter the horrid noisome cell; invest yourselves with the foul tattered garments which scantily serve the purposes of decent covering; cast yourself upon the loathsome pile of filthy straw, find companionship in your own cries and groans, or in the wailings and gibberings of wretches miserable like yourselves; call for help and release, for blessed words of soothing, and kind offices of care till the dull walls weary in sending back the echo of your moans; then, if your self-possession is not overwhelmed under the *imagined* miseries of what are the *actual* distresses of the insane, return to the consciousness of your sound intellectual health, and answer if you will longer refuse or delay to make adequate appropriation for the establishment of a hospital for the care and cure of those who are deprived of the use of their reasoning faculties, and who are incapable of exercising a rational judgment.

Of all men, they are to be counted the most miserable, who are reduced to mere animal existence.

In asking for the establishment of a State Hospital for the Insane in Maryland, located to assure, through *salubrity of air, abundance of pure water, a productive farm, and open access, by far reaching lines of travel*, the largest good to the largest numbers, your memorialist is sustained by the opinions of all the citizens of the State *who have had time and opportunity of studying the subject fully*, and of examining its claims. By none is this more earnestly desired than by the physician of the Maryland Hospital, and the President of that Institution, that good man and good citizen, who, for 24 years, without reward or recompense, "hoping all things, und seeking not his own," has spared neither time, nor labor, nor that which most men give least readily and latest, large