

opened through the "main building" of Mount Hope, according to the location thereof upon Poppleton's plat, or whether it ought to be closed when it intersects Laurens street, or whether it ought to be closed as proposed by the Sisters of Charity before it reaches their grounds, and when it intersects Wilson street, which runs about parallel with Laurens street, and from which it is about one square distant? Your committee are of opinion that if Bolton street should be closed at all, it ought to be closed at Wilson street and not at Laurens street. If we intend to interfere in this matter, let us do so with due regard to the rights, advantages and situations of the respective parties. And your committee consider that the closing of Bolton street at its intersection with Laurens street would be a serious injury to the Institution without any remuneration whatsoever being provided.

It is a well known fact that an Insane Asylum of this character requires the utmost privacy. The noise, bustle and confusion necessarily incident to the close proximity of streets, excite the minds of the unfortunate inmates who require constant repose, and seclusion from the gaze of the curious. If Bolton street and Laurens street are to be brought directly to its door, then Mount Hope will no longer be a fit Asylum for the insane, and its efficiency for the noble purposes for which it is at present used, will be forever destroyed. If the Legislature intends to throw its protecting arm around it, let it be protected in its usefulness and in its philanthropic efforts to restore to health and reason the unfortunate of our race.

As the "main building" of this Institution was erected before the plan and dedication of the streets of Baltimore in 1818, your committee are of opinion that if Bolton street shall not be closed before it intersects Laurens street, it ought not to be closed at all, but should be opened through the "main building" of Mount Hope, thereby securing to the owners thereof, indemnification for its destruction, according to the provisions of our laws for similar cases.

Your committee also recommend that the Legislature should extend to the Sisters of Charity who are petitioners for relief, whatever protection it has the power to grant without violating the constitutional rights of others. Indeed Mount Hope appeals to public sympathies and the protection of the State, in a manner more forcible than can be conveyed by words. The superior excellence with which it is at present conducted, is deserving of the highest admiration, while its efficiency as an Insane Asylum is undeniable.

It is owned by a society of females who have renounced the "pomps and pleasures" of the world, and devoted their lives to the cause of suffering humanity, and to deeds of benevolence and charity. Their Institution is open to the afflicted of every class and of every religious persuasion, and from the last report of the