

which is situated at Sykesville, Maryland, and occupying a beautiful site, which no doubt will add very much to the improvement and comfort of the unfortunate inmates committed to their care. The buildings which are now in course of construction will be the finest in the country, and are anxious to have them completed as soon as possible, for this purpose they ask your Honorable Body for an appropriation of \$157,000, and which your committee considers necessary to appropriate.

Spring Grove Asylum.

In visiting this institution, we found the greatest care taken for the treatment of the insane patients by the doctors in charge, and we would deem it good policy to grant the appropriation asked for, to enable them to purchase the adjoining grounds on which they have an option until April 15th, as by doing so they will be able to raise enough vegetables that will be required for the use of the institution as well as being enabled to give employment to some of the inmates, which they consider will be of great benefit to them.

House of Correction.

We also visited the House of Correction at Jessups, and deem it necessary to continue the appropriation asked for.

We notice that the improvements for which the appropriation was received in 1898 has been completed.

The management of the institution is unsurpassed in every respect.

The Maryland Penitentiary.

Your committee next visited this institution, which we consider without fear of contradiction the model penitentiary of the country.

We find that the inmates are all employed so far as the room will permit, as the workshop now are overcrowded, and we consider it very necessary to aid them in enlarging the work rooms, so that they will be enabled to employ the 150 inmates who remain idle on account of space needed for this purpose.