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*To the Honorable,*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

The Joint Select Committee appointed by your Honorable Body, under a message of January 9th, to visit and examine into the condition of the benevolent and reformatory institutions which are beneficiaries of the State, have the honor to report that they have discharged the duty assigned them, and respectfully submit the result of their visit and examination, submitting however, that in view of the numerous important measures pending before the General Assembly at the time your committee was engaged in the discharge of their duty, and the deep interest felt in that important legislation by the members of your committee, and their respective constituencies. We were compelled to make our investigations very hurriedly in order to be in our respective seats in the Senate and House of Delegates, and participate in the consideration of the measures referred to; nevertheless, the committee would assure you that each place visited, was subjected to as severe a scrutiny as possible, and a strict enquiry made as to the faithfulness with which the State's appropriation has been dispensed and the motive and intentions of the State in making the same respected and promoted.

In the fulfillment of the duty assigned them, your committee visited the State Penitentiary, Maryland Blind Asylum, Home of the Friendless, Protestant Union Infirmary, Aged Women's Home, Aged Men's Home, Children's Aid Society, Maryland Disabled Soldier's Home, Union Orphan Asylum, Maryland Hospital, House of Refuge and Baltimore Female College, to the condition of all of which your committee will refer as brief as possible.