

would also suggest that an error is committed in the several counties and city of Baltimore by sending to the Penitentiary for a few months only persons convicted of minor offences, which should be punishable only by confinement in the County or City Jail, and the county, or city defray the expense of the same, instead of imposing it upon the State at large and relieving themselves of the support of the convict. The proceeds of the labor could be made equally profitable when employed by the counties, as by the State, and we concur in the recommendation of the officers of the Penitentiary that no one should be committed to their custody for a term of less than twelve months.

MARYLAND BLIND ASYLUM. .

This charitable and noble institution of which F. D. Morrison, Esq., is the Superintendent, your Committee found to be one of sad interest. The unfortunate class of our fellow humanity who are deprived of the sense of sight, and seek this Asylum to be educated to prepare themselves to be able to do something to contribute to their support in life, manifested astonishing mental qualifications of the manual labor performed by the inmates for the benefit of the Institution, your Committee speak with pleasure, as all whose health will permit, are engaged in the Manufacture of brooms, ornamental beadwork and knitting: the revenue thus derived is considerable, in comparison to the disadvantages under which the Directors labor in not having the proper facilities for work, or even in fact for the proper accomodation and comfort of the unfortunate students. The Directors are much in need of an appropriation to enable them to complete their new building, nor in progress of erection, and your Committee recommend the passage of a bill for their relief. Notwithstanding the severe privation of loss of sight, the students in the Asylum seem cheerful, and greatly interested your Committee by exhibitions of their proficiency in music, and the various other exercises in which they engaged. We recommend that the Legislature make an appropriation for the purpose of assisting this institution to complete the building which is now in progress, and that \$ — be appropriated for said purpose.