

premises. After a satisfactory investigation of its conduct, the fact was made known that the Managers desire the usual annual appropriation of \$15,000, for the year 1869, in view of the biennial session of the General Assembly. The Board oppose the enactment of any law prohibiting them from contracting for the employment of the boys committed to their care, as by this means, they are enabled to keep them employed, encouraging and inculcating habits of industry, and preventing the mischievous results of idleness, which are too well known to require recapitulation; and beside, they are enabled by their system of labor to aid in no inconsiderable degree in the support of the Institution. The buildings are in a cleanly and generally satisfactory condition, the only matter of particular objection striking the attention of your Committee, being the cold and cheerless condition of the cells which these young "incorrigibles" are compelled to occupy for sleeping apartments.

In conclusion it may be well to add that the institution appears remarkably free from the diseases incident to such a large collection of children. The annual report of the institution in detail will, doubtless, be laid before your Honorable Body, from which you will be able to learn many matters of interest.

On the 31st December, 1867, there were 358 inmates, 337 boys and 21 girls. During the year there were 537 inmates.

We recommend a continuance of the usual annual appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars for the year 1869.

THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL.

Your Committee made a thorough examination of the spacious buildings and grounds of this institution. One-half of the buildings are appropriated to the accommodation of the lunatic paupers of the State, and the other to the use of such insane persons as are supported at the expense of their friends. For each pauper lunatic, the county from which he is sent, pays \$200 per year. The receipts from paying patients, constitutes about two-thirds of the revenue of the institution. The average aggregate revenue is about \$30,000, out of which the expenses of the institution are defrayed, including minor repairs and improvements from year to year. Last year \$8,208.97 were expended in improvements and repairs.

The buildings require thorough repainting, and some minor repairs are still needed. Without enumerating in detail all the improvements needed, it is respectfully suggested an appropriation of about \$8,000, would render the place respectable in appearance and comfortable to the inmates.

Since the year 1833, an interval of 35 years, but six appropriations have been made by the State, aggregating \$79,500, an average of \$2,277 a year. Of this amount \$30,000 was