

used in building the west wing. The completion of the Insane Asylum at Catonsville, Baltimore county, is also suggested as desirable, in view of the fact that the Maryland Hospital is now full; applications from six counties having been recently refused for want of accommodation. The Medical Superintendent, Dr. John Fonerden, with his Assistant, Dr. G. Lane Taneyhill, are assiduous in their efforts for the comfort of those placed under their care, and the other officers appear to be equally efficient. We recommend an appropriation of eight thousand dollars

#### THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Upon the visit of the Committee to this praiseworthy institution, they were met by a delegation of the Managers and the efficient Superintendent, Mr. Wm. C. Palmer, who conducted them throughout the entire building, which they found admirably suited for the purpose to which it is devoted. This Society has been in existence about seven years, and during that time upwards of 700 children have been taken from the streets of the city and cared for at the "Home," until good homes in the country were provided for them. It is sustained chiefly by private subscriptions and a small appropriation from the city and State, and it is recommended to the favorable consideration of the General Assembly, judging from the character of the officers, that the money will be judiciously expended. We recommend an annual appropriation of five hundred dollars for two years.

#### THE BOYS HOME.

This is another of those charitable Institutions, which have sprung up in Baltimore within the past few years, and seems destined to be productive of much good in its operations. Very convenient accommodations have been provided for the inmates, all of whom are required to work in aid of the support of the institution. The children are regularly taught in the rudiments of an education, and the boys are encouraged to earn their own livelihood.

From the moment of entrance, the inmates are impressed with the necessity of work as a means of securing true independence in the world. In a word, the institution is designed to "shelter and protect destitute homeless boys; to furnish them with food, raiment and lodging; to stimulate them to honest efforts to earn their own livelihood; to instruct them, after working hours, in moral and religious truth, and in the rudiments of education, and to aid and encourage them out of their vagrancy and ignorance, to rise up into a better life of virtue, industry and usefulness." Mr. Henry Bittleston, the Superintendent, seems a very capable and earnest man. An appropriation in aid of the "Boys Home" would be very