

this institution if it needs it, and the ladies in charge, claim that it does. An appropriation of \$2,500, annually, for two years, is recommended.

THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE.

An appropriation of ———, to this institution, annually, for a few years, would give new life to it. The School of Design, an important branch, has over 400 night pupils, and great benefit is experienced by poor young mechanics from the instruction there received. It is desired to fit up the rooms occupied by this school, in attendance upon which are many young ladies who are becoming very accomplished in this respect. The general character of the Maryland Institute for the promotion of Mechanic Arts, is too well known to require any detail of its object at our hands.

THE MARYLAND BLIND ASYLUM.

Here the committee were agreeably entertained by their visit, the entire operations of the establishment being thoroughly inspected. Mr. F. D. Morrison, the Superintendent, appears to be the "right man in the right place," and his efforts in behalf of those unfortunates under his control have been very successful. The institution is one which appeals strongly to the sympathies of those whom Providence has blessed with the privilege of good eyesight, and one's interest cannot but be enhanced by a personal inspection of the proficiency of the pupils, both in an educational and mechanical point of view. The loss of the inestimable faculty which they have sustained, seems to have sharpened other faculties, and they are in every respect a credit to themselves and preceptors. The Managers ask for an appropriation of \$15,000, and any sum which may be appropriated will be carefully husbanded. New buildings are now nearly completed, and will be occupied during the next summer.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

This institution owes its origin to the liberality of that public benefactress, Mrs. Emily MacTavish, who has so profusely scattered her charities over our State. It was established in 1864, since which time \$105,000 have been expended in the erection of buildings and improvement of grounds. The purpose of the institution, as shown by the charter, is "To establish and maintain, in the city of Baltimore, an institution to afford a refuge to females who had the misfortune to lead an evil life, and who wish to abandon their vicious course and reform. Persons are to be received without distinction of creed, age or place of birth or residence." The cost of supporting the House has amounted to \$16,481.58, all of which sum, save \$750 appropriated by the State, has