

REPORT.

To the Honorable,

The Speaker and Members of the General Assembly:

The undersigned, the Committee on the part of the Senate and House of Delegates, to whom was referred the subject of the State Deaf and Dumb Asylum, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee left Baltimore city on Friday morning, the 4th inst., for the purpose of visiting the State institution located at Frederick city, and to examine into its condition. They were generously provided with a special car by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, with every arrangement that could contribute to their comfort, and your Committee desire to take this opportunity to return their thanks to that Company for the elegant provision thus made for their accommodation.

On arriving at Frederick your Committee were met by the Principal of the institution, and a member of the Board of Visitors, and were most agreeably and hospitably entertained during their brief sojourn in Frederick city.

On reaching the institution, they were conducted through the different class-rooms, and were touched with the deepest sympathy for those unfortunate Mutes, by the brief exhibitions given of their proficiency in the different branches of study into which they were classified. Pupils that had not been in the institution more than six months, had acquired already a knowledge of the sign language—could read and write well, and had made considerable progress in history, geography, and in general information, thus giving testimony to the unremitting care and devotion to duty, of the Principal and Teachers of the institution.

The location of this institution, destined as we believe it is, to become at no distant day the honor and pride of the State, is all that could be desired by the warmest friend of this great charity. Frederick is a neat and beautiful inland city of about twelve thousand inhabitants, accessible by railroad from all parts of the State, situated in a most fertile and healthy section of country, supplied with pure water from the adjacent mountain side, and with markets abundantly supplied with cheap provision of every kind. The people generous, hospitable and intelligent, feel a deep interest in the success of this institution, planted by the State in their midst, and no effort, we believe, will be spared on their part to make it all that could be desired and intended by the State in founding it.

The buildings now occupied are situated on an elevated lot of ground, ten acres, adjoining the city. It has a commanding view of the adjacent country for many miles in all direc-