

to make suitable provision for the speedy erection of such a building.

They represent to your Committee, that the present buildings could be used for work shops, in which the mutes might be taught the various trades, and thus be made self-supporting after they leave the Institution. They would thus become a support to the State, instead of a burden, and in many instances might be a blessing to an aged father or mother, relieving them, by their industry, from the pangs of poverty.

Your Committee take great pleasure in saying, that they fully agree with the Board of Visitors in their opinions and representations of the present buildings. They are, in our judgment, wholly inadequate and unfit for the purposes of an institution of this character, and we therefore earnestly commend to your favorable consideration, the propriety of making suitable and liberal provision for the erection of such a building as shall be needed to place the Institution in a position becoming the honor of the State, and as shall best promote the great labor of benevolence and love upon which the State has entered, and to which the hearts of the people so earnestly respond.

In order to secure the erection of such suitable building, as well as to spare the State from present heavy taxation, the Board of Visitors propose that the State shall issue its bonds, redeemable in fifteen years from date, for the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for erecting and furnishing the same. A tax of one-half of one per cent., it is estimated, would be sufficient to create a sinking fund that would liquidate the bonds at maturity.

These bonds, it is confidently believed, could all be sold in Frederick county at par.

To this proposition, your Committee give their full and cordial approbation.

This charitable undertaking so commends itself to all humane men, and is now so enshrined in the hearts of the people of the State, that your Committee do not deem it necessary to suggest even one of the many cogent reasons for the immediate adoption of the measure.

In the generous breast of every member of this General Assembly, we do not doubt this institution in all its necessary demands, will meet with a hearty and cordial approval.

In conclusion, your Committee cannot refrain from giving the following beautiful and suggestive lines of the Deaf Mute in order that he may himself be heard speaking from his loneliness and isolation, to his more blessed and happy fellow men :