

That they visited said Institution on the 6th instant, and were afforded abundant opportunities of witnessing its operations under the guidance of the President and members of the Board of Visitors, and Professor Charles Ely, the Principal; the pupils, eighty-eight in number, gave evidence in all the class-rooms of the great care that had been taken in their instruction, by the intelligent, pains-taking members of the Faculty of the Institution.

Their progress in knowledge was shown by the means of written exercises on the black-board, and by the facility with which they interpreted into sign-language, themes given them by their teachers and the Committee. Quite a number have been under instruction in vocalization, and the Committee had the pleasure of hearing deaf mutes speak intelligibly. A general tone of happiness seemed to pervade all the classes, giving evidence of the kind system of government prevalent in an Institution that is about to bear such abundant fruits for the money and labor spent upon it, by making intelligent and useful citizens of the State out of those who would otherwise be obliged to pass through life in absolute ignorance, as burdens upon the community.

The Board of Visitors, however, represent the necessity of speedily erecting the third section of the building, which will complete the original plan, and insure the best sanitary conditions for its inmates, and will enable them to separate the sexes. The Committee believe the appropriation of the sum asked to be reasonable and proper.

JOHN CARROLL WALSH,  
J. K. LONGWELL,  
Committee of Senate.

JOSEPH B. SETH,  
EUGENE HODSON,  
WILLIAM LATCHFORD,  
SAML. R. BIRD,  
JOHN MERRYMAN,  
Committee of House.

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Seth,

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,  
February 5th, 1874.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body,