

tilated apartments, the systematic manner of living, and the exceedingly clean condition of the whole Institution, will account in a great degree for this remarkable state of health.

The receipts from the labor of the inmates are used, and go far towards defraying expenses for repairs and other incidental expenses.

The Institution is now ntirely free from debt, yet the Managers have not been able, for want of means, to grade and beautify the grounds about the buildings, which would add much to their appearance, and doubtless would be inspiring to the inmates. Your Committee, therefore, in recommending the usual annual appropriation of \$15,000, would further recommend that it be appropriated in such a manner as to give the Managers of the Institution power to use a portion of this amount in beautifying the grounds aforesaid.

THE MARYLAND PENITENTIARY.

In the further performance of the duty assigned them, your Committee visited the Maryland Penitentiary, where they were cordially received by the Warden, Mr. Thomas S. Wilkinson, and conducted through the departments of the prison.

The apparent healthful condition of the convicts, and their cleanly appearance, indicated that everything consistent with the necessary restriction of prison discipline had been done for them, which experience and human foresight could suggest, to maintain a desirable sanitary condition.

The prisoners seemed to apply themselves to their tasks with great energy, which gave the place more the appearance of a thriving manufactory than that of a prison, where labor is inflicted as part of the penalty for the violation of law.

Those engaged in labor, work with a vim, and exhibit cheerfulness in their countenances, while those unemployed look sorrowful and dejected. It is gratifying to state that the affairs of the prison have been well conducted. Everything evinces the most faithful and effective management on the part of those entrusted with the charge of the Institution.

At the date of the Committee's visit, there were 623 convicts in the prison, viz: 217 white males, 5 white females; 363 black males, and 38 black females, variously employed as set forth in the Annual Report.

After having visited the several departments, your Committee returned to the office, where they examined the books and accounts of the Clerk, and found them correct, and kept in a most satisfactory manner. Your Committee would make special mention of Mr. R. V. Page, as worthy of our commendation, not only for the clerky condition in which he has kept the account books, but also the record books of