

ble age, they are either indentured to the Manual Labor School or are placed in good homes procured for them in our own or neighboring States. The Committee visited the Institution after its little inmates had all gone to bed, but the bright, happy faces, cheerful, ringing laughter and merry voices that met them on all sides, satisfied us that they were bred most kindly and lovingly by those who have devoted themselves in the spirit of self-sacrifice in their cause. The Institution specially deserves recognition for its efforts to train up the infant in such ways that may make a virtuous boyhood and girlhood develop into the healthiest form of manhood and womanhood.

Some of your Committee also visited the Maryland Industrial School for Girls at Ilchester, in Baltimore county. This is strictly a State Institution, and one well worthy of its fostering care. The labors of this Institution have been directed towards rescuing from lives of sin and shame young girls who have recently gone astray from virtue, or those who, from circumstances of exposure, are in imminent danger of doing so.

Penitent women can find a home at this place, and also the certainty of secure maintenance by honorable industry.

The system of control enforced at this place is founded in the law of kindness, and while the softening influence of virtuous example is not altogether lost upon the hearts of the inmates, their minds and hands are taught habits of attention and industrious occupation.

The inmates are taught household duties and other female accomplishments. The course of studies in the School is the same as pursued at the Public Schools of the State, and the examinations and recitations of the pupils were creditable.

The location of this Institution, we think, was wisely selected, with a view to health and privacy, upon a bluff overlooking the Patapsco, and a large scope of the surrounding country.

The Institution has done much good under the efficient management of its present officers and directors, and its future welfare should not be lost sight of by the State.

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