

visited. This Institution was established in Baltimore City in 1829, and for many years was scarcely known by many of the people of Baltimore. Within a few years past the march of improvement compelled them to abandon their old quarters, and they procured a handsome location in the north-eastern section of the City. A building has been erected, though not yet completed, which has been admirably arranged for the purposes of the Asylum. It now takes care of thirty-two orphans and thirty-four half orphans, and the School of the Institution exhibits a good training in education. A few years has wrought a change in the status of the colored population, which demands recognition, and it is gratifying to notice that this Asylum is gathering in and rearing to lives of usefulness those who, but for its care, would become vagabonds and pests of society. Your Committee think that in the distribution of its charity, this Institution should receive a fair share from the Treasury of the State.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

The Little Sisters of the Poor is another charity which fell under the notice of your Committee. This is a charity in the fullest sense of the word—an Asylum for the aged of both sexes. The building is handsomely located on John street, and is high and healthy. It is exclusively for the support of those who, through the infirmity of age, are no longer able to earn a living. The community having charge of this retreat, have been in this State but a few years, but have already under their charge thirty old men and ninety-four old women. All these are supported on contributions of food and clothing. The food is gathered daily by the Little Sisters, who devote their lives to this work of charity. Among those under their protecting care are some who, in the years that are gone, occupied good positions, and themselves contributed to the revenue of the State. The aged, as well as the young, unable to take care of themselves, are the wards of the Commonwealth, and but for Institutions of this character, the Almshouses would be more crowded than they are. The Committee would earnestly recommend this Institution to the favorable consideration of the General Assembly.

MOUNT HOPE RETREAT.

Your Committee visited Mount Hope Retreat where the insane of that Institution are confined. Neither of the Committee had ever before had an opportunity to visit or examine its operations. The Retreat is in charge of the Sisters of Charity, and they ask no aid from the State. They have now some two hundred and six patients, equally divided between the sexes, of which number, thirty-five are free patients.—The building is among the best in the country in all its appoint-