

ments when several other family buildings under the "family plan" shall be in successful operation.

Time would not permit your Committee to fully survey the large tract of land, the old mansion and other buildings, valued at nearly twenty-three thousand dollars, the generous contributions of Enoch Pratt, Esq., of Baltimore; but from the appearance and character of the soil, so far as examined, it seems eminently adapted to the growth of the cereals, vegetables and all kinds of fruits and berries, by the cultivation of which, when the necessary family buildings are had, and such team and farming utensils supplied as may be needed, will probably, at no distant day, render the Institution self-sustaining.

Your Committee further examined the gas-works for supplying all the buildings with gas, and also several fine springs situated near the buildings, from which a plentiful supply of pure and wholesome water is had at all seasons of the year, which water, by means of a hydraulic ram, is being continuously carried to the upper rooms of the central building.

Your Committee deem it appropriate to say that the boys were all neatly and comfortably clad, and seemed contented and happy in their out-door prison life, whilst we would make especial mention of the respect and consideration which they readily show towards all visitors and superiors, and that this is strongly inculcated upon them by the very worthy and efficient Superintendent.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would respectfully submit, that in their judgment the incorporation of this Institution was a most wise State policy, the economy of which will be more and more manifest, as our almshouses, jails and penitentiaries become depleted of its non-producing class of prisoners, convicted of minor offences, and all such placed in this Institution, where they will be trained to all kind of useful work, and where their hours of useful labor will be alternated with hours of instruction and study in school, and thus be made useful to the agriculturist and mechanic, and to the State, as good and law-abiding citizens.

Your Committee, finally, in recommending as they now do, a liberal appropriation by the State, to enable the Institution to prosecute fully and successfully the work so auspiciously begun, will take occasion to say, that the taking of little boys guilty of petty offences against the law, who know not the laws of the land, nor the laws of God, and instructing them in the ways of rectitude, and to make of them useful citizens, is a work which should commend itself to the favor-