

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 clerkly condition in which he has kept the account books, but also the record books of admission, &c., nor can we pass unnoticed the kind hospitality of Mr. Wilkinson, the Warden, manifested to your Committee at the close of their examination.

Your Committee recommend a continuance of the usual annual appropriation, and also that the appropriation asked for by the Directors and Warden in their annual report for making a much needed improvement; that of erecting a house for bathing, washing and drying purposes be granted.

\$20,000 of the appropriation of last year has not been drawn from the Treasurer of the State, besides between five and six thousand dollars has been returned to the State Treasurer from the earnings of the Institution, the Directors did not feel authorized to use the money appropriated last year, or the receipts from labor, in making the above mentioned improvement.

MARYLAND INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

Your Committee by special invitation, visited the Maryland Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, and found it in a very prosperous condition—everything being conducted in a very commendable manner. We therefore recommend that a liberal appropriation be made for its relief.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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On part of Senate.

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On part of House.

Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.