

every kind be turned into the General Treasury of the State, and that an accurate inventory of the farm products of all institutions be made and the same charged against the institution, and paid for by it into the General Treasury of the State. The value of this method lies in the fact that the law of 1916 provides for a per capita allowance to the various institutions within the State receiving State aid. This per capita allowance, when properly worked out, will be the basis of actual cost for maintenance of the inmates of the Hospitals, Asylums and Homes of the State, and all appropriations can be made to these institutions on this per capita basis. It will enable the State to conduct these institutions at a fair and reasonable cost, and to control them by having command of their one source of revenue; for the expenditure of which proper accounting must be made to the office of the Comptroller. It is obvious that if there be but one source of revenue from which to pay the expenses of institutions, that their expenditures will be more easily ascertained, and the real per capita cost more thoroughly established.

#### FARM LANDS AND INSTITUTIONS.

While conditions at present are abnormal, I believe that it will be generally conceded that the cost of farm products will remain rather high, and in view of the fact that such costs will be high, I would suggest that it be made a *policy of the State*, if any further buildings, such as Asylums and Homes, are to be built, that they be built in fertile agricultural districts along the improved highways of the State where access to them will be easy and quick, and that a sufficient quantity of land be purchased to employ for reasonable hours, in a helpful manner, all the available population of the institution, so that they may aid as far as possible in making the institution self-supporting, and furnishing such employment as will be beneficial to those who are afflicted or diseased.

*To carry out this project* I would suggest that a plan be evolved whereby the Maryland State Board of Agriculture would have charge of the agricultural lands of the State, and that the responsibility for their cultivation, and the profitable farming of the lands be placed upon the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, but done in such a manner that there shall be no conflict between the physicians in charge of the State Hospitals and Asylums, and the Agricultural Department of the State. It is obvious that it is unfair to ask the physicians in charge of the vari-