

## STATE CARE OF THE INSANE.

At present there are in Maryland probably something over 2,000 dependent insane.

The two State hospitals, Springfield and Spring Grove are able to care for about half that number, and the balance are in the county almshouses, the jails, Mt. Hope Asylum and Bay View Asylum. From the best information that can be had there are probably about 400 dependent insane supported in county jails and almshouses, and they are necessarily in a more or less neglected and miserable condition, with few comforts and irregular medical attention. In addition the counties are supporting them and at the same time helping through taxation to maintain the two State hospitals before referred to. It is only reasonable to hope for a greater percentage of recoveries among patients in the State hospitals, which are well lighted well ventilated, scrupulously clean, and where the patients are constantly under the watchful care of trained experts.

The present capacity of the State hospitals is taxed to the extreme, so that extensive additions will be required to care for all the dependent insane in Maryland who should properly be in one or the other of these excellent institutions.

## THE LIVE STOCK SANITARY BOARD.

The Live Stock Sanitary Board is doing much by its system of dairy inspection to insure the sanitary condition of stables, clean dairies and healthy cows. No epidemic diseases have appeared among the live stock of the State; but the steady systematic inspection of every dairy and every cow from which milk is sold in the State is not to be underestimated, and is essential to the health, since the products of the dairy go into every household.

## THE STATE'S BUILDING OPERATIONS.

The past decade has been marked for the number and beauty of the public buildings constructed by the State, and the past four years have been remarkable in this particular.