

there, who were put through the various operations of farm work in our presence, they were then turned into military, and your Committee reviewed and was pleased with the proficiency in drill of the young farmers. The Professors appear to work with zeal in their respective chairs, in fact we were pleased with all we saw and heard.

Your Committee finally and lastly visited the House of Correction, near Jessup's Cut. It is a fine building, well put up and admirably suited for the purposes it is intended for. The water, gas, heating and shops are yet needed to make the building ready for the reception of inmates. We recommend an appropriation for the purpose of supplying the necessary improvement, to make the house inhabitable, and herewith report a bill for that purpose.

Your Committee visited the Maryland Hospital, at Spring Grove, situated near Catonsville, in Baltimore County, seven miles from Baltimore, and found it located on a tract of land containing one hundred and thirty-seven (137) acres, commanding a fine view of Baltimore City, the bay and surrounding country for many miles. The improvements consist of a large hospital, built of granite, in a very substantial manner, with gas-house, hot-house, gardener's dwelling, stabling, &c., and found the hospital capable of comfortably affording accommodation for three hundred and twenty-five patients. There were, however, on the day of our visit, January the 21st, 1878, only two hundred and eighty-eight insane in the institution, fifty of whom paid for their own maintenance, and were no tax on the hospital; the remaining two hundred and thirty-eight were sent to the hospital by order of the Circuit Courts for the various counties and the City of Baltimore, and the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum levied by the County Commissioners, or the City Council, for each of these insane paupers, and paid over by the different counties and City of Baltimore to the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, sometimes in advance, and nearly all in the year, for which it is levied, so that the institution was in receipt of maintenance for two hundred and thirty-eight paupers the sum of thirty-five thousand seven hundred dollars, and for fifty patients twelve thousand five hundred dollars, the whole cost for maintaining the institution for last year being sixty-five thousand four hundred and sixty-four dollars, or two hundred and forty-five dollars per capita. This sum is too large. But your Committee believe that a greater saving of the expenses can be effected; it is only necessary to know the amount of insane to know what they should cost. The last report of the Superintendent of the Insane Asylum at Ward's