

and there may be some who think that the whole Exhibition may be seen in a few hours walk. But when it is borne in mind that in extent of ground, in multitude and magnitude of buildings, and in variety of subjects exhibited, the Centennial area and buildings, and their contents will exceed anything of the sort yet known in the world, it will more readily be believed that a building which might be regarded as a sort of resting place and home for Marylanders in the midst of this vast collection of peoples and their products, will be not unwelcome, even if we were careless of the fact that the Maryland building would add to the conspicuousness of the State on this occasion.

As you must have observed in the newspapers, other States have made this provision, both for business and comfort, and our best judgment recommends its adoption by Maryland.

In these remarks, we do not pretend to say that the manufacturers, farmers, miners and citizens of Maryland, would not find room in the vast halls at Philadelphia, for what they send there, even though the State gives not one dollar to concentrate the collection and supervise it, nor is it denied that Marylanders, under any circumstances, may find the great Exhibition a good business card, affecting their future sales, or otherwise promoting their interests; but we do say that we have greatly underrated the pride of our people, if they would be altogether comfortable in owing the opportunity of advancing their fortunes to Pennsylvania outlay, when their own State had, while willing to reap the benefit, refused to contribute to the expense.

Nor are we prepared to say that even less than the sum named, might not to some extent, secure a respectable representation on this occasion, but even as we write, so many causes of necessary outlay, not enumerated above, occur to us, that we would rather see the amount increased than reduced.

With the sum suggested, we believe that a collection can be concentrated in the halls of the Centennial, of which every Marylander will be proud, while the convenience of every Maryland visitor will be consulted and promoted.

With less, it is much feared that the Maryland locality might probably be the last that Marylanders might desire to call particular attention to.

It is proper to add, in conclusion, that whatever is done by the State, should be done quickly. Even now the collection of what is to be exhibited, should be in progress.

The Exhibition opens on the 10th of May, and the inter-