

The Standing Committee on Public Buildings respectfully report, that they have carefully performed their duty, and as a result of their labors submit to the Honorable Senate this their report :

First. They visited the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Frederick, and found a large and very commodious set of buildings erected at the expense of the State on a ten acre lot of land, commanding a beautiful view of Frederick City and the surrounding valley of the Monocacy and a distant view of the Catoctin Mountains ; indeed the location is all that could be desired ; the State has already spent on the erection of suitable buildings and ornamentation of the grounds, about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Your committee believe that sum to be judiciously spent under the able management of the gentlemen intrusted with its care ; the institution contains ninety-three pupils, and the management desire an annual appropriation of thirty thousand dollars for their support, and your Committee recommend such an appropriation as will support all those whose parents and guardians are not able to pay for their maintenance at the institution.

Your Committee next visited the Inebriate Asylum, situated near Catonsville, Baltimore county, and found the institution closed, without a single inmate, which argues good results for the Temperance and Local Option Societies. We however met on the premises Dr. John Morris, its very courteous and able President, who informed us of the wishes of the institution, which was, that the State would purchase the whole institution which consists of thirty-eight acres of land, a frame dwelling, farming implements, cows, chickens, &c., &c.

This property is situated a little off from a by-road, leading into the Frederick Turnpike, about six or seven miles from Baltimore. Your Committee was one hour and fifteen minutes in reaching there from Baltimore in hacks. The price asked from the State for this property is thirty-five thousand dollars ; the State has already given in aid of this institution seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Next your Committee visited the Blind Asylum on Boundary avenue, near Charles street, and found all its appointments in the very best condition, the grounds and building well and neatly kept, and there is at present in the institution fifty-two pupils, who are taught music and the English branches usually taught in the best schools and academies.

Your Committee next visited the House of Refuge, situated in Baltimore county, near the city limits. The grounds contain fifty-five acres, improved by a number of stone buildings used and known as the "House of Refuge," but being built a number of years ago, is not well suited for a reformatory of this day. These houses are surrounded by a high stone wall, whose