

performance of the great work of caring for thousands of young colored boys, hopeless, lost and almost abandoned. On the 2nd of January, 1918, he made a report to the General Assembly of Maryland as follows:

“Baltimore, Md., January 2nd, 1918.

“The Honorable General Assembly of Maryland and Mayor and City Council of Baltimore:

“In submitting the Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the House of Reformation for Colored Boys for the past two years, I do so with considerable pride, and particularly call your attention to the reports of the officers of the Institution.

“The work of reformation of the boys committed to the care of this Institution is progressing favorably. The Institution is in splendid physical condition and the work which it is performing is of a nature that cannot help but ultimately be of great good to the State and City in the uplifting of many of these boys committed to our care.

“We would be pleased to have the members of the Legislature and of the City Council visit the Institution and observe the work which is being done, as we are quite sure that your inspection would satisfy you that the Institution is being well and economically conducted.

“The Annual Report is herewith submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Thomas J. Shryock,

President.”

Little did he then think that death would so soon claim him. It was his purpose, his wish and his desire to have the members of this Assembly go from Annapolis to Cheltenham and witness a scene so beautiful and inspiring as to be almost beyond the painting of it in words. A picture in the Report shows two small colored boys (new arrivals) about to enter the Home, ragged, tattered and torn. On the same page shows them in uniform, upright, sturdy-looking, with every appearance of steadiness and control, eligible to go out into the world and make a respectable living.

Such was the life work of General Shryock, and in record thereof, be it