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quate to the accommodation *and safe custody* of the constantly increasing number of inhabitants, and the necessity for enlargement is daily becoming more and more indispensable." The other appropriations asked for, appeal so directly to the wisdom, as well as to the sympathies of the State, that the Committee entertain but little doubt that they will be readily and cheerfully accorded. The House of Refuge, by the liberality of the city of Baltimore and the aid of private citizens, has been erected and was duly inaugurated on the fifth day of December last, as a place of refuge for juvenile delinquents. There is no institution in the State which can claim a greater degree of public utility or which could commend itself with more force to popular favor. An appropriation of \$10,000 a year for five years, is asked for to complete the unfinished portions of the buildings and to carry into effect arrangements necessary for its successful operation, and which it is hoped may be granted.

The next appropriation asked for appeals directly to the sympathy and charity of the Legislature, and with the sacred obligation resting upon the State to contribute to the care and protection of its unfortunate citizens who may be thrown upon its charity. An appropriation is asked for the Maryland State Hospital, for the Insane, founded by the State, 1852. This, with an appropriation for the indigent blind institution, are the appeals of charity as well as duty to this Legislature, which come in a voice so strong that the Committee cannot doubt that the justice of the application will be favorably considered, and the relief granted. In making these especial recommendations, the Committee do not mean to imply that other appropriations ought not to be granted, but simply to indicate the paramount importance of these measures as involving to a certain extent the moral honor of the State as well as leading principles of paramount importance to her interests.

In the suggestions herein expressed, the Committee respectfully announce that they have been guided by a sole desire to uphold the dignity and honor of the State, and have brought to the discharge of the duties imposed upon them, a disinterested consideration of all questions connected with the financial policy of the government. The flourishing condition of all the varied interests of the country, the unclouded prospect of future prosperity, and the high position our commonwealth holds in the circle of this Union, are matters of just pride and congratulation, which the Committee respectfully submit to the Legislature and to the people of Maryland.

A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

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On motion of Mr. Merrick,

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