

For the Indigent Blind at the Pennsylvania Institution for the year 1856, there were expended \$950; and for the year 1857, \$500.

For the Indigent Blind at the Maryland Institution for the year 1856, there were expended \$1,737.08; and for the year 1857, \$4,016.60.

But six warrants have been issued to beneficiaries to the Deaf and Dumb Institute since my last message, two of whom have not been reported as admitted. There were at last report fifteen pupils in the Institution enjoying the beneficence of the State.

In the Pennsylvania Institution for the instruction of the Blind there are but two beneficiaries of this State whom it is deemed advisable to permit to remain and complete their education.

In the Maryland Institution for the instruction of the Blind, there are eighteen pupils. These together with the two now in the Pennsylvania Institution make up the number of twenty, for whose education and support the State provides. The report received from the Superintendent represents that the moral, social and intellectual advancement of the pupils has been all that could have been reasonably desired. The Institution can no longer be regarded as an experiment. All it needs is the means to carry on and enlarge the plan now successfully initiated to elevate an afflicted but most interesting portion of the human family. The departments, with the exception of subsistence and raiment, are scantily supplied, and the deficiencies in the apparatus of the school, the furniture of the house, &c., subject the officers to considerable inconvenience.

In addition to private subscriptions, the President and Directors have contributed at least \$10,000, and there is still a debt of \$6,000 upon the property, the interest of which has to be supplied from the annual income.

There is abundance of ground, but no means to enlarge the building so as to make it suitable for the purposes required, or to build the work-shops necessary for the development of the pupils so as to render them more independent and their labors more valuable. By providing for the education of thirty instead of twenty indigent blind pupils, and appropriating \$15,000 for 1858, and a similar amount for 1859, it is thought that the Institution will receive an impetus which will place it upon a permanent basis approximating to that of similar Institutions in other States. With a view to this I earnestly recommend it to your favorable consideration. It is a noble charity and its continuance and prosperity will reflect undying credit upon its friends.

Maryland Hospital.—I have received from the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital for the Insane, a communication calling my attention to the financial condition of that Institution,