

sure, your committee were deligent to make most careful inquiry.

SALUBRITY. We ascertain that Catonsville is justly esteemed one of the most healthful villages in Maryland. It is located upon an elevated plateau, 550 feet above tide water and is thoroughly drained by gentle slopes towards the Patapsco south and west, and Gwyn's Falls north and east. Malarious diseases have never prevailed as epidemic, indeed such is the established reputation for health, that the vicinity has been selected as the site of four important institutions for the education of the young.

EASE OF ACCESS. Spring Grove lies between the Frederick Turnpike and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It can be reached from Baltimore in less than an hour. Persons coming from the west, by leaving the cars at the Washington Relay can be at the Asylum in half an hour, while from other points, there are avenues terminating in the Frederick Turnpike, thus rendering Catonsville accessible, by means of solid roads from all sections of the western and by Steamboat to Baltimore, from Eastern Shore. An Omnibus from the Metropolis passes the Asylum gate, six times per day. Proximity to Baltimore is of great importance, enabling the State to secure the best medical talent to aid the resident Physician, which from the high character of the profession for benevolence, we have every reason to believe will be most cheerfully bestowed.

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th points have likewise been secured. Baltimore is the centre of trade and the cheapest as well as the largest our markets, for such supplies as the farm of the Asylum or the farmers of the vicinity cannot furnish. We were informed that the officers of the Institutions about Catonsville consider their position of great value as regards matters of domestic economy.

THE SCENERY is of unusual beauty, embracing a full view of the city and bay, and extending south as far as Annapolis, the dome of our State House being, in a clear atmosphere, visible to the naked eye.

The adjacent improvements are such as to promise that quiet and freedom from intrusion, essential to the success of the sanative measures to be employed, while the known intelligence and refinement of the residents will secure a benevolent co-operation with the officers of the asylum for the benefit of its unfortunate inmates.

The local opposition which we understand existed a few years ago seems to have ceased. At all events, it is evident that no injury can be apprehended, even by the most sensitive, inasmuch as the Commissioners, before commencing the pres-