

Maryland with an argument of power irresistible "Go and do thou likewise."

Our first step must be to provide adequate and ample accommodation for all classes of the insane, in properly qualified asylums. The buildings necessarily must be extensive, that a proper classification of the inmates may be made, varying from the madman who requires (though late experience proves such to be very few unless driven to mania by brutal treatment) bars and chains, down to the sad subjects of morbid melancholy who need, with simple medicines, only kind words and the pleasing comforts of home; and oft are reclaimed by the same process by which the parent awakens to activity the intellect of the little child.

It is painful to reflect, that Maryland, while she has lavished with prodigal hand, millions upon schemes of internal improvement, schemes which have by bitter experience proved their worthlessness, and likely to be a burden upon our shoulders, has done nothing effectual for the insane. She has county madhouses and lunatic keepers, but no home where the mild spirit of beneficence presides, and in which those who are bereft of reason may find sympathy, and through kindness added to skill be restored to their place among the intelligent creatures of God.

Maryland has no asylum, at once the pride of her citizens, and the evidence to her sister States that she is not regardless of the obligation to provide for the poor and suffering. For eight years, philanthropic men have been knocking at the doors of our Legislative Halls, asking sympathy and material aid for the distressed and neglected lunatic; but there has been no response save the meagre sum of \$25,000, and that scattered through a period of nearly 100 months. We have commenced the work, and now the question reaches the heart and conscience of each Legislator, shall that work stand still? We have acknowledged our duty. Shall that duty find no solid, substantial memorial? Maryland is not poor. Her finances are most encouraging—her debt rapidly diminishing—her wealth daily increasing—her position in the Confederacy, high and commanding. Let her good works be seen in this, the day of her prosperity! But, were her Treasury empty, better would it be to create a special tax, than the solemn obligations of philanthropy should be neglected.

The appeal of the Maryland Asylum for the Insane, is an appeal not to the liberality, but to the philanthropy of the State, and your committee conclude by urging the largest possible appropriation to this work, &c.

After visiting the above described locality, the committee proceeded to visit St. Timothy's Hall, and to inspect the arms of the State loaned to the students of this valuable institution.