

Institution, for which the President and some of the Visitors are liable, leaving many objects of importance yet to be executed.

The Committee express great satisfaction at the order and neatness which pervaded throughout the establishment, and at the evident care and attention paid to the comfort of its inmates; chains, long deemed the legitimate appendage to institutions for the insane, have here no office to perform; by mild and benevolent treatment, the unfortunate subjects, for the most part, yield submission; and, if reason is not restored, tranquillity is in a great degree obtained.

For these happy and successful results, much is due to the amiable and christian direction of the "Sisters of Charity," to whose immediate care and supervision this institution is committed.

The Committee concur in the opinion, that the institution merits the countenance and support of the State, and that the Legislature should authorise certain repairs and improvements, and to purchase an additional piece of ground, so that the grounds may conform to the general plan of the city.

There is every confidence, that this Institution will ever, hereafter, be supported by the charges against its inmates, and it is only the present outlay to place it in the proper condition that is required. It is due to the past exertions and future wants of the State, that this establishment should be placed in a suitable condition, and maintained on a liberal foundation, in the hands of the State, and not to be farmed or leased. The experience of the past year, although laboring under great disadvantages, in divers sanguine expectations, that the revenue will not only be sufficient for its support, but, when the policy by which it is to be conducted becomes stable, and it is known that it is to be administered with a benevolent and tender attention to those who may be entrusted to its care, it will secure the interest and sympathy of the community, and thereby enlarge the sphere of its usefulness, and attract an affluent class of patients, whose condition in life will enable them to pay liberally for their accommodation, and thereby produce a surplus revenue, to be applied to maintaining the entire establishment in proper order and thorough repair.

The Committee recommend that it should be exclusively devoted to the purpose of a lunatic asylum, and recommend an appropriation to make the necessary repairs and alterations; and to effect such other objects as the President and Visitors think necessary to promote the interest of the institution, and accordingly submit the following resolution: