

the great and benevolent purposes of their design. It is with feelings of the highest gratification, that we can say, much credit is due to the board of trustees for the disinterestedness of their attentions, and the economical disbursements of the money appropriated to the institution. The committee feel it a duty incumbent on them, to extend to the ladies engaged in the management of the institution much credit, not only for the systematick neatness which characterise its condition and operations, but also for their charitable zeal, in extending to those unfortunate beings every comfort and consolation. The committee regret to add, that in consequence of the delapidated state of the West wing of the buildings, its accommodations are not commensurate with the original design of its projectors, and recommend to your favorable consideration the appropriation of a sum of money, sufficient to rebuild and furnish the same, which, would not only add to the value of the property of the State, but more effectually secure the benevolent purposes of its erection.

We would also invite your attention to the late purchase of a lot for the use of the institution, which, if properly enforced, would add very much to the comfort of its afflicted occupants. We would suggest for your consideration the erection of a wall around said lot, of sufficient height to prevent the escape of the patients, and thereby afford to convalescents the advantage of exercise, so essential for the promotion of strength, either mental or physical.

We further submit to your consideration, the following interrogatories and answers, which, will be of great assistance to the members of this House, in arriving at a proper conclusion on the benefits, as well as the condition and wants of the Maryland Hospital. The committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, or their order, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, in three equal annual payments, from and after the passage of this resolution, to be by them applied for the benefit and improvement of said Hospital; provided, the said President and Visitors shall give bond and security, to be approved by the Treasurer, for the faithful disbursement and application of said sums of money.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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