

The officers of the institution very politely and kindly took your committee around and through every portion of the building, and fully explained to them its operations. They found many of the convicts farmed out for good wages, and actively employed in blacksmithing, broom-making, coopering, weaving, &c. Whilst they are thus promoting their health, they are adding very much to the support of the institution. They understand that arrangements have been made to farm out a still greater number this year. They earnestly urge a continuation of this system.

Your committee, also deem it advisable, that the legislature should take some action to remove insane persons to some more suitable place. There are already several such, totally irresponsible beings now confined within this institution. They are already a dead burden upon the State, and would not probably cost more to support them elsewhere. And if, as the Governor has well suggested, returning sanity should hereafter be manifest, let them be again returned to the Penitentiary.

They further recommend the releasing by the State of arrearages on account of former loans, and the requisition of burdening the books of the treasury therewith, as there is not the slightest probability of either the principal or interest ever being paid.

To meet, therefore, the immediate and pressing wants of this institution, we recommend the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, to be paid in instalments of fifty thousand each year, for two years, for the erection of a new building, capable of accommodating six hundred prisoners, and upon the most improved modern plan. They have in their possession a very excellent design for the proposed building, submitted to them on the part of the officers of the institution, the estimated cost of which is one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. They believe, however, that by turning the convict labor to account, the sum they have recommended will be nearly or quite sufficient to complete it. But if they should lack any thing, they have no doubt a future legislature will be ready to supply the deficiency. The present dormitory might well be turned into work shops, which are very much needed. And in order to carry out effectually this plan, they advise that the general superintendence and direction of the whole matter be entrusted to three skilful, practical and experienced business men, who shall be well rewarded by the State for their services.

The committee have had under serious consideration the propriety of the removal of this building to some island on the bay, or to some large quantity of land, where many of the hands might be successfully employed in agriculture. But after the fullest deliberation they have been able to bestow upon the subject, they are induced to advise against it. In the first place, they believe such removal would be attended with great expense. New buildings, officers houses, work shops, &c., would all have to be con-