

shielded, which can only be done by making the establishment an exclusive receptacle for lunatics.

The committee would further remark that some provision appears indispensably necessary for securing punctual payment to the institution for expenses of the patients sent to it from the different counties. In some instances, as the committee learn, no payments have been received for such patients for several years.

Your committee cannot but express their satisfaction that the Board of Visitors has ensured the happiest management and the best economy of the establishment in placing the care of the patients with the *'Sisters of Charity.'* The excellent females who compose this order of pure and practical piety sacrifice to the relief of the sufferings of their fellow creatures all their personal tastes and comforts, cheerfully performing their devoted labours of humanity, where the world's applause can neither reach nor incite them. Under such auspices the afflicted subjects of the institution will enjoy all that unwearied tenderness and benignant and intelligent discipline, can afford to soothe their distress, or calm and restore the disordered intellect.

And your committee would also say that in the present Board of Visitors they are persuaded the state has discriminating and public spirited agents who are zealous to do good and well qualified to dispense the means of the state and direct the course and destinies of the institution. There is every encouragement and incentive now to the state for furnishing a prompt and liberal aid to the institution, and making use of the valuable material for noble ends, which is now in its hands.

Toward carrying into effect these important purposes the committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

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 ten thousand dollars in quarterly payments, from and after the passage of this resolution, to be ap-