

members of society, who had it not been for the shield here thrown around them, would have ended their days upon the scaffold of the gallows, or lingered out a long and solitary confinement within the walls of your penitentiary. The State and the friends of humanity everywhere, should hail the dawn of such an institution with reverent feelings of delight ; whilst the christian should call upon all that is within him to bless his Maker, for thus influencing the hearts of men to bestow so worthily their charity. His prayer should be daily offered up at the altar for its success.

It is to be regretted that the legislature at a previous session severed the connexion of the State from this institution. Your committee think such action should, as soon as possible be retracted. An institution intended and calculated to accomplish so much good, should not be confined to the limits or munificence of the city of Baltimore. Let the whole State have a share in it. In capital so productive, let every good citizen, who has enough of this world's good and something to spare, seek to make an investment. Provided the State will manifest an interest therein, the kind patrons are willing to throw open the doors and invite the wayward youth from every portion of the State to come in and partake of the common benefits. Shall the State refuse? They ask for the appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars a year for the space of five years, and Mr. Brown who has already contributed largely and nobly to the institution, promises to give one-tenth as much of any amount the State may think proper to bestow. On account of the large demands upon the treasury, before named, your committee think proper to recommend the appropriation of ten thousand dollars a year, for the period desired, the immediate connexion of the State with the institution, the appointment on its part, of two or more directors ; and the requirement that all persons convicted of penitentiary offences, of the age of admittance prescribed by the laws of this institution, be sent hither instead of to the penitentiary.

They in conclusion tender their sincerest thanks for the very kind and polite attentions they received from the managers of these several institutions. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

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