

inmates had all gone to bed, but the bright, happy faces, cheerful, ringing laughter and merry voices that met them on all sides, satisfied us that they were treated most kindly and lovingly by those who have devoted themselves in the spirit of self-sacrifice to their case. The Institution specially deserves recognition for its efforts to train up the infant in such ways that may make a virtuous boyhood and girlhood develop into the healthiest form of manhood and womanhood.

Your Committee also visited the "Maryland Industrial School for Girls," situated at Ilchester, in Baltimore county.

This is strictly a State institution and one well worthy of its fostering care. The labors of this institution having been directed towards rescuing from lives of sin and shame young girls who have recently gone astray from virtue, or those who from circumstances of exposure are in imminent danger of doing so. Penitent women can find a home at this place, and also of the certainty of a secure maintainance by honorable industry.

The system of control enforced at this place is founded in the law of kindness, and while the softening influence of virtuous example is not altogether lost upon the hearts of the inmates, their minds and hands are taught habits of attention and industrious occupation.

The inmates are taught household duties and other female accomplishments; the course of studies in the school is the same as pursued at the public schools of the State and the examination and recitations of the pupils were creditable. The location of this institution we think was wisely selected with a view to health and privacy upon a bluff overlooking the Patapsco and a large scope of the surrounding country.

The institution has done much good under the efficient management of its present officers and directors, and its future welfare should not be lost sight of by the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman on the part of the House.

The order of the day being

The Senate bill appropriating a sum of money to the Washington Cemetery, in Washington county,

Was taken up, and read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows: