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furnish them: & this must in the case of Our Institution be supplied by the bounty of sympathizing friends who are blessed with the possession of all their natural senses. I wish that Every one could see, as I have seen, and still do see frequently, the hopeless (not helpless) despair of the unhappy victims of the carelessness of others condemned to inaction of body & mind, to often moping or melancholy darkness, or settling into torpid amentia: and could then make a visit to your workshop, & listen to the cheerful conversation with which its inmates beguile the tedious hours of a night which knows no morning's dawn, no noonday's ~~[illegible]~~ invigorating splendour. A homely doggrel verse expresses a valuable truth, at least as applicable to the sightless as to the seeing —

"Employment, Employment,
O, that is Enjoyment:
There's nothing like something to do:
Good heart, Occupation are health & salvation
A secret that's known to but few."

The visit to your newly organized and small institution would stimulate the desire to assist the development into ~~the~~ proportions like those of similar and older institutions ~~[illegible]~~ in Edinburgh & Glasgow where various occupations permit support to large numbers who are in