available certainty of means. If they fail in these means, then the doors of the Refuge must be closed, and the house be emptied even of its present inmates. Most fervently do they pray that so lamentable a result may be averted. The State can stay the blow by a just consideration of this memorial, if it do not, then what is now the pride and honor of the State and its metropolis will be made its shame, and the noblest edifice in Maryland will stand as a monument of disgrace.

Respectfully submitted,

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turned out to commit new depredations, or to commit new crimes, and to occupy new posts for his imprisonment. Now, the object of the Refuge is not to punish crime. This we desire to be kept in view. The whole theory of the Institution, is the practical, common sense belief, that it is better to prevent than to punish crime. The Refuge does this most effectually, and at a comparatively cheap cost. In the seventeen institutions represented in the National Convention of Reformatory Institutions, were reformed, and all this at an expense of [illegible] cent.

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finance taught, and the reclamation of children of degree. Look at them converted into good citizens and useful members of society, and who can estimate the true value of these Reform Schools? Their results are far beyond human computation. God alone can judge of their inestimable worth.

But the Board, in conclusion, only desire to say that standing for the State in *loco parentis* to these young delinquents, they consider themselves as entitled to all the consideration of creditors upon the public treasury. What means we have to commence the work of the current year, will be exhausted by the first of April, leaving, for our only resource, for the remainder of the year, the quarterly instalments of $2,500 of the appropriation of 1860 before referred to. The average number of inmates last year was 181—the cost of their maintenance, was $19,821 46, or at the daily rate of 29 cents per head. For a more extended exposition, the Board would refer to their annual Report, but these few data here given, are sufficient to show what are their requirements. To the State we must look for an increased appropriation to meet the balance of our wants.

The Board have no debts or liens, or mortgages, nor can they consent to change their determination made at the very outset of their administration, to make no debt that cannot be met by an