

turpitude of minor transgressions of the law, guards the mind of criminal childhood from the depressing sense of hopeless infamy and disgrace, which clings to the young inmate of a public prison, and opens before the child offender the attentive, moral and intellectual culture which promises atonement for the past in a life of virtue and usefulness. Children of both sexes, whose dormant, moral nature has never been awakened to a correct discrimination of right and wrong, are placed under proper, moral and religious culture, and carefully educated for the pursuits of honest industry; plucking, as it were, from the verge of a fathomless abyss immortal beings, and causing the blighted bud, under kindly culture, to develop the full blown flower, to shed upon the social atmosphere the fragrance of virtue and righteousness. This is effected by careful, moral and religious instruction and discipline. Idle habits are corrected and habits of virtuous industry inculcated. The schools are directed to the cultivation of the intellect in subordination to morals and religious precept and principle, the great regulators and directors to the improvement of the whole man, *soul body and spirit*. The fruits of this great charity are being gathered from many of the beneficiaries, who, under the wise regulations of the institutions, have been placed out at service, affording the highest evidence of the utility and efficiency of the institution and its admirable adaptation to polish and prepare from roughest materials living stones for our social and political temple. Our State may well be proud of such beneficent institutions, and with liberal supplies replenish the fountains from which flow such streams of gladness, and in the future, as in the past, when like Cornelia asked for her jewels, point to her children, especially those polished by her care. We suggest an annual appropriation of \$15,000 and for the purpose of an additional building the further sum of \$10,000.