

where their wants are all supplied without any taxation upon the State, but by private subscription alone.

The present Asylum was built at a cost of \$25,000, and with the exception of \$4,000 due on the ground on which the building was erected, it is free from debt, but owing to the large number of infants received (about 100 per annum) it is necessary to erect an additional building, which will cost \$30,000, and the Managers petition for an appropriation to aid them; to which your Committee would beg to call your careful attention, as it will contribute to the support of an institution which in their opinion is deserving of every encouragement. We suggest an annual appropriation for 1867 and 1868 of \$5,000 per year.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

This charitable institution was founded on the 4th of August, 1864. Five ladies took possession of the premises on that day, and received their first penitent on the following morning. The building and ground of the Institution were purchased, improved and donated by Mrs. Emily McTavish, at a cost of about \$30,000. Since its opening 120 women and young girls have been admitted into the House. Of this number 6 died, about 12 were dismissed as incorrigible, others were returned to their families and friends. Two were married to worthy and respectable men, and 67 are now in the Institution. The support of the House has been derived in part from the labor of the inmates, and the ladies who have them in charge. The system and discipline of the House have produced the most marked change in the lives, habits and manners of the unfortunate class to which it is applied. Good order, quietness, respectfulness of demeanor, obedience and industry reign in the establishment. Corporal punishment is not used, nor is coercion attempted. Good example, religious instruction, useful employment, proper recreations, and the measures adopted by the ladies to produce the good effects to be witnessed there, and very rarely indeed do the objects of their care reject and abuse the good offices of their guardians.