

Finding the present building entirely too small to receive the large number who beg to be received, the Managers, at an expense of \$55,000, have undertaken to build an addition to accommodate at least 200 inmates; and for the first time they ask an appropriation by the State to aid them in their laudable work, it having been heretofore supported entirely by private contribution and without any assistance from the municipal or State governments.

It is proper that your Committee should here state that though they were only directed to visit such institutions as *are* beneficiaries of the State, they extended their examination, on account of representations made to them as to the benevolent character of the last two named, and of the vast amount of good which might be accomplished by some aid from the State, in benefitting two classes of unfortunates; one totally unable to provide for themselves by reason of their tender age, and the other endeavoring to redeem their reputation and re-establish a lost character for purity and virtue, and your Committee, in consideration of these facts, deemed themselves justified in thus extending their examination and inquiries, and we respectfully suggest an appropriation of \$5,000 for the year 1867 and also the same amount for the year 1868.

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## CONCLUSION.

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It is with a degree of pride and pleasure, to which language affords no sufficient form of expression, that we refer to the ladies of our State, to whose active and yet unobtrusive charities, we are indebted for the numerous institutions of benevolence, which so fully illustrates the generous character and high-toned morality of Maryland. Untiring in efforts to meliorate the condition and wretchedness of suffering humanity, their plans of usefulness, have mitigated the stern discipline of the prison, and cheered the gloom of the dungeon by rays of beneficent action. Their exertions have provided *Homes* for the aged and infirm of both sexes: they have opened homes for the friendless, and provided refuges for the orphan and the homeless, the sick, the crippled, the