

them until they are from twelve to fourteen years old, when they are indentured to good families until of legal age. The number at present in the asylum is 110, viz: 61 boys and 49 girls.

It has hitherto been supported by the voluntary contributions of our benevolent fellow citizens, but the greatly increased cost of provisions, &c., renders these contributions entirely inadequate to its wants, even with the most careful economy, and the Managers are reluctantly driven by necessity to offer this petition for assistance in their good work. It is very difficult to support those already in the asylum, and without further aid, we shall be compelled to refuse those orphans who may apply, alas, now more numerous than ever before in the history of our country.

With an admirable building (on Stricker street, between Saratoga and Lexington,) capable of accommodating three hundred boys and girls, in comfort and convenience, surpassed by none in the city, it is a pity that our resources are too small to allow us to receive half that number. Will you not aid us in saving these helpless orphans from lives of poverty and crime? Is it not wise economy to pay a small sum to make an exposed child a good citizen, than a large one to arrest and punish the criminal, or to support the wothless and vicious pauper? But we will not indulge in despondency, but will hope that this venerable and excellent institution will receive that kind consideration from your Honorable Body, which its importance demands.

An annual appropriation by the State of Maryland of \$3,000, is thought to be sufficient at the present.

On behalf of the Managers,

E. BAYNARD, President.

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We beg to be considered as a beneficiary of the State of Maryland.