

The third class are called "The Children of Preservation," being children of unruly habits, or the offspring of vicious parents.

These children are kept entirely apart from the other inmates, in the work-room, the refectory, recreation-ground and dormitory.

The cost of maintaining the institution from its commencement to the close of the past year, has been sixteen thousand four hundred and eighty-one dollars and fifty-eight cents, (\$16,481.58.) This amount does not include the donations in kind and material received from the generous friends of the institution. The money has been derived, in part, from the earnings of the inmates, and the contributions of the benevolent and humane.

By strenuous efforts, the managers have heretofore succeeded in providing means to support the institution, which could accommodate but a limited number of inmates. The spacious addition recently made to the buildings will afford accommodation to the numerous applicants who are almost daily seeking the shelter of this asylum. For want of the requisite means, the ladies are often reluctantly compelled to refuse admission to many who wish to place themselves under their charge. To meet the emergency, the managers and ladies of the House of the Good Shepherd therefore respectfully petition the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, considering the great good already effected by this institution, and the advantages it confers on the community at large, to grant them a certain amount *per caput*, payable by the Comptroller semi-annually, for the average number of persons admitted and supported during the year. If a stated allowance be granted by your Honorable Body, it will enable the ladies to receive all who may seek their protection and guidance, and thus save hundreds of unhappy creatures from temporal and eternal ruin.

They desire your Honorable Body to designate proper officials to inspect the establishment and books, from time to time, and ascertain if the house is conducted for the public good.

They beg leave to suggest that the Mayor of the city, the State's Attorney and the Marshall of Police, be appointed for the above purposes, and their approval to the draft of the President of the Board of Managers, be a warrant to the Comptroller for the semi-annual payment of the allowance awarded.

THOMAS FOLEY, *President,*
Board Directors House Good Shepherd.

BALTIMORE, February 7th, 1868.