

acceptable to those engaged in this good work, be it ever so meagre in amount. An annual appropriation of \$500 for two years is recommended.

THE BALTIMORE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

One of the most admirably arranged institutions in the State is this one. Its object is to take from the abodes of wretchedness and sorrow, the helpless Orphans, and by proper training, prepare them for a life's great duties here, and a good inheritance hereafter. An incalculable amount of good has been done by it since its inauguration, sixty-nine years ago, during which time no assistance has been received from the State. Many of those who were among the first to experience its benefits, have grown up to be good citizens, and in their gray hairs bless the Baltimore Orphan Asylum. Surely, such an appropriation as the Managers ask, will be made with cordiality. The petition of those in charge is herewith appended for consideration marked A.

An appropriation of three thousand dollars annually for two years is recommended.

[A.]

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland:

The undersigned, on behalf of the Managers of the "Baltimore Orphan Asylum," respectfully petition your Honorable Body for an appropriation to aid in supporting the helpless and otherwise homeless children now sheltered in the asylum, or who may be brought there hereafter.

It is one of the oldest institutions of the kind in the city or State, having been established for upwards of sixty-nine years. During all that long period, it has given not only shelter, but education and moral and industrial training to the friendless orphan. The community abounds with living evidences of its value. It has annually sent from its walls well trained boys and girls, many of whom now grown to maturity, some of them old and grey-headed, are among our most excellent citizens. It has doubtless made good men and women of thousands of poor little forsaken ones, who but for its saving influences, would in all probability have grown old in vice and become a nuisance and burden to the public as paupers and criminals.

Do not the public owe a debt to the asylum?

It is in no sense a sectarian institution, its Managers and Trustees having always been, as at present, members and representatives of nearly all denominations. It receives children from one to nine years of age, cares for and instructs