

been furnished by private contributions. The building was opened for reception of applicants in August, 1864, since which time one hundred and ninety-eight women and girls have enjoyed its protection. The government of the inmates is strict, but kind, and their time is occupied in part by sewing, washing, and other industrial pursuits, which contribute in a small degree toward their support. The Managers, the past year, have contracted a debt of \$25,000 in enlarging and improving the establishment, and petition the State, through your Honorable Bodies, to aid them in its liquidation.

The committee, after a thorough inspection of the premises, was deeply impressed with the conviction that this is one of the noblest works of our intelligent and benevolent people, and most deserving of assistance in the accomplishment of the object of its magnanimous founders and its disinterested and self-sacrificing Managers. We know of no institution to which the title of "reformatory" is so applicable, nor one which is calculated to lessen crime, degradation and misery to a greater extent.

We append herewith the report of the President, and recommend an annual appropriation of three thousand dollars for two years.

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To the Honorable, the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of Maryland, to visit the Beneficiary Institutions of the State in the City of Baltimore :

GENTLEMEN :—The President of the Board of Managers of the House of the Good Shepherd, of the city of Baltimore, respectfully represents that no formal report of the Institution having been published, he offers to your consideration the following statement of its organization, object and operations :

The House of the Good Shepherd was established in 1864, with funds donated by the late Mrs. Emily MacTavish, grand-daughter of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton. One hundred and five thousand dollars have already been expended from this source in the purchase of the ground, and the erection of buildings and wall of enclosure. A debt of twenty-five thousand dollars has been incurred within the past year for the extension of the original lot of ground. No money has been received from the State, but one-half of the Legislature's appropriation of 1867—seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The object of the institution, as set forth in the articles of incorporation is: "Article 2d. To establish and maintain in the city of Baltimore, an institution to afford a refuge to