

the circumstances and history connected with each case, nor the kind hospitality of Mr. Thompson, the Warden, manifested to your committee after the close of their examination. Your committee cannot close this branch of their report without expressing their high gratification of the very good condition in which they found the whole Institution, and the faithful management exhibited by the Directors and officers of the Penitentiary; one of the evidences of fidelity and skillfulness of management is, that now no appropriation is needed for its support, the establishment sustaining itself.

The House of Refuge, the next institution to which your committee desire to call your attention is an institution for the correction of juvenile delinquents and the prevention of vagrancy which is the prolific nursery from whence springs much of our adult crime. It was founded by private benevolence and enterprize, but has received the fostering aid of the State and been incorporated in its Statute Code. Your committee examined it in all its departments, found its police and sanitary conditions to be of the first order, and were much gratified with the evidences manifested by many of the boys of an innate and acquired love of the beautiful and tasteful, displayed in the arrangement and decoration of their dormitories; corrupt natures and morals do not ascend high enough in the scale of moral perceptions to appreciate or devise the beautiful or tasteful, and your committee accepted these tokens as evidences that a moral and reformatory atmosphere prevailed, which must exercise a most healthful influence over the vicious and degraded; all was found neat, clean and in good order so far as the management of the House is concerned. But there is a defect in the arrangement and accommodation of the establishment which sadly needs correction. This, unlike its predecessor in this report, is not an institution for the punishment of crime, but it is intended for the correction and prevention of vice and other causes which inevitably lead to crime. To accomplish so desirable an object the facilities should be employed for the development not only of habits of industry and opportunities of healthy physical development, but most important of all, large and liberal facilities should be given for the development of the mental and moral portion of our nature by a good sound education in useful knowledge. This, your committee regret to say is not so fully attained or attainable for the want of the requisite and proper accommodations to shelter the crowds sent within its walls, either school rooms, workshops or other portions of the house equally needed, have to be diverted from their intended uses. This condition demands a remedy by additional buildings, thus affording the required facilities for the accomplishment of these objects.

The employment of the boys in the manufacture of shoes