

furnishing the apartments when completed. These sums added to that received from Mr. Brune, say six thousand dollars, made an aggregate sufficient to authorize the immediate commencement of the structure, whose site was placed outside of the present walls of enclosure, and contracts entered into at once for the necessary work. Ground was immediately broken and the first story erected, when the severity of the weather made the further prosecution inadvisable until the opening of the Spring. It is confidently anticipated that when making their next annual report, the Board will be able to give the gratifying information, that the female inmates will be in the occupancy of their new home, and thus place it in the power of the Superintendent to carry into operation more completely the system of classification which is such a vital element in all properly conducted reformatories, but which it has been out of his power to accomplish fully with the present accommodations.

In this connection it seems proper to say, that the claim made upon the State through a separate petition, already placed before the Legislature for a continuance of the appropriations made by the acts of 1856 and 1858, therein referred to, the means for actual support are only asked for. As has been seen, the liberality of individuals has supplied at least four-fifths of the cost of erecting the substantial and commodious building for the female inmates, and at least one-fourth of the cost of the principal building was provided for from the same source, the city supplying the balance in both cases. It is then for the single object of maintenance and education, that the Board make their plea to the State as a co-partner in this work of benevolence. They ask nothing for the erection of buildings, or the making of permanent improvements. For these purposes only and in compliance with their settled financial policy, they have inaugurated a "reserve fund" in anticipation of the necessity that will soon arise from the increasing number of inmates, for the erection of a new wing to their present main building to be occupied solely as school-rooms and work-shops and then converting the two original wings into dormitories. This fund will be composed altogether of legacies and special private donations invested in interest paying public stocks, and funding the income with the principal. A nucleus has already been made and the whole as accumulated, is pledged to the purposes of improvements solely. In carrying out this plan the Board are in hope that the City and State aiding them in providing supplies for their necessary current expenses of support, private friends will be more stimulated to give of their means for all required permanent improvements. So far, this has been notably our experience.

In their last annual report, the Board stated their determi-