

care of the State should be extended to an object at once so charitable and humane. The credit of the State, as well as the dictates of common humanity, require that these innocent, but afflicted beings, should be provided for upon our own soil, and not entrusted to the care of another State. But in view of the many pressing demands at present upon the treasury, they do not feel justified in recommending more than six thousand dollars for this purpose.

Your committee also extended their visit to the House of Refuge. This is a grand and noble institution, reflecting great credit upon both the heads and hearts of its founders. To Baltimore city, however, alone, does the praise of this humane and benevolent undertaking belong. In her corporate capacity, and from the private donations of her charitable, intelligent and christian community, she has reared a lasting monument to the fame and virtue of her people. Struggling on amid many embarrassments, she determined to know no failure in the attainment of an object so noble and philanthropic. Success has most abundantly crowned her efforts. They presented to us an institution all complete, costing about \$120,000 and out of very solid and substantial materials. It will afford neat and comfortable rooms for four or five hundred persons. Ample provisions have been made for work shops, a school room, chapel, cook room, bathing apartments and an abundant supply of water to every portion of the building.— The institution was opened on the 5th of last December, and there are already some twenty-one of these juveniles delinquents within it. Every proper care and attention seemed to be paid to the health, comfort and reformation of this youthful, but erring class of the community. There seemed to be a time set apart for everything and everything was required to be performed at its proper time. Good and useful books were placed in the hands of the pupils, and provisions made, or being made, for thorough religious and intellectual training. Wholesome air and sufficient light, were afforded to each room, whilst the whole plan and structure of the building were such as to confer great credit upon both the architect and builder.

But the object designed to be affected by such an institution is still more praiseworthy. It is to reclaim the youthful wanderer. It is to take the vagrant from the streets, or the erring from the hovels of poverty and moral degradation; to separate them from vile companionship and the many temptations to vice by which they have already commenced to be ensnared, and to place them under proper instruction and discipline. At the age at which they are here taken, viz: under sixteen, they are not so steeped in crime or hardened in sin, as to cause any just fears for their reformation. Many will doubtless be thus reclaimed; many will in all probability, leave this Institution virtuous, intelligent and useful