

29. $\frac{2}{100}$ cents for the first named year, and 28. $\frac{2}{100}$ cents for the second. The Board then confidently expressed its anticipation that with increased experience and improved economy the cost would be brought down progressively to a safe minimum, without in any respect doing injustice to the health and comfort of the inmate, and it is gratifying to be able now to say, that the past year has well fulfilled their hopes. The average number of children under charge in 1859 was 250, so that the cost was 22. $\frac{5}{100}$ cents per capita, including in this expense the food, clothing, education and care-keeping of each child.

In submitting an estimate of the means required to sustain the Institution for the current year, the Board would state that their available resources will not meet their wants without additional aid. They will have at command the State's yearly instalment of the appropriation of 1856, say *ten thousand* dollars (\$10,000), with *four thousand* dollars (4,000), balance of the City's unexpended appropriation of last year, and about *two thousand* dollars (\$2,000), from other sources, and the balance of *two thousand and forty-two* dollars and *fifty-four* cents (\$2,042 54), remaining in the treasury on the first of January, making the sum of *eighteen thousand and forty-two* dollars and *fifty-four* cents (\$18,42 54). Basing then our calculations for our wants upon an expenditure not exceeding that of last year, there will be shown to be a deficiency of about *five thousand* dollars (\$5,000). This, it must be observed however, is upon the supposition that besides incidental expenditures, there will be no increase in the number of inmates; but the reverse of this will certainly be the fact; providing then for these contingencies it may be safely estimated, that it will require about *ten thousand* dollars (\$10,000), beyond our present available means to sustain the Institution during the current year.

In previous reports the Board expressed themselves very decidedly as to the extreme propriety, if not absolute necessity of erecting a separate building for the use of the female inmates, and in that made last year during the recess of the Legislature to his Excellency the Governor of the State, the gratifying information was given, that by the very generous act of William H. Brune, Esq., and his associates, a fund in his hands, collected for another public purpose, and for which there was no longer any claim, had been given to the Refuge, to be appropriated especially to the erection of such a building, but to be held by him in trust until a sufficient fund should have been accumulated for its completion. The Board have now the pleasure to state, that by the liberality of a lady, the respected relict of our late and lamented President, a donation of ten thousand dollars was made for this purpose, together with the additional sum of one thousand dollars for