

lot fronting 155 feet on Cedar avenue and running 300 feet east on Second avenue. And in the Fall of 1898 the Board felt that the time had arrived when some definite action should be taken by it towards the erection of an additional station house on the lot mentioned, and the ~~erection~~ creation and equipment of another police district. The subject was, therefore, then taken up, plans considered and adopted, and bids asked for by advertisement in all the Baltimore daily papers, beginning October 8, 1898. Proposals were received on October 19, 1898, for the building of a station house and stables in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Henry Brauns, architect. On the 22d of October, 1898, the bid submitted by Mr. George Mann, being the lowest, was accepted, and a contract entered into with him on October 26. He shortly thereafter entered upon the work, and the stable buildings, having ample accommodations and excellent general hospital facilities, were occupied on July 1, 1899. The station house proper will be completed and ready for occupancy in a few weeks, when the Board will put into operation changes of boundary lines of several of the districts, and will so re-divide the force as in its judgment will produce the best conditions for policing the city.

Before adopting any plans, the Board had given the subject much thought and thorough and careful investigation. The buildings erected are substantial and sufficiently ornamental, and contain all appliances, devices and arrangements which experience in this city and elsewhere has proven to be necessary for the conveniences and uses of a station house and stables.

INCREASE IN THE FORCE.

The absolute need for additional patrolmen in this city is, of course, now more evident than two years ago, though it was then apparent enough, when the Board unsuccessfully asked for an increase in the force, as the population is greater