

orphans, 22 had lost one parent, 4 were put in by fathers on account of drunken mothers, and 1 by a mother on account of a drunken father. During the same period 16 have been removed by their parents, 9 have absconded, and 2 have been adopted into happy homes, 16 have been sent on trial to farmers in the country, and are all doing well but 3 who were sent back, not giving satisfaction. Indeed the demand for boys by farmers is greater than can be supplied, as no child is sent out of the Institution under ten years of age, and the ages of those admitted are from five to eleven. During the last year five boys have been apprenticed, and the accounts received of them and many others apprenticed in previous years are most gratifying and encouraging. On one or two occasions the boys themselves have been brought into town by their employers, and the sight of their healthy, happy faces, and comfortable, warm clothing, has more than repaid those, who have lent their humble assistance in this labor of love.

Although no death has occurred among the children during the past year, the Managers have to record the death of one boy, Robert Whittaker, formerly an inmate of the "Home," who was apprenticed to Mr. Purvis, a farmer in the country. He had only been in his situation a few months, and was giving great satisfaction to his employer, when he became ill, and it was discovered that a tumor was forming in his side. As it was impossible to obtain regular medical attendance for the poor child in the country, Mr. Purvis requested that he might be allowed to bring him back to the "Home," in the hope that with the constant care and attention he would there receive, he might soon recover, and be able to return to his situation. But it was otherwise ordered. The poor little fellow gradually wasted away, and after two months of suffering, which he bore with wonderful patience for one so young, was happily released. Much credit is due to the Matron for the kindness she bestowed on this child, whom she attended with a mother's care, both night and day; and at the same time the Committee have much pleasure in expressing their satisfaction with her general management of the Institution throughout the year.