

tracted period, their education, moral and physical training, can be amply attended to. And, consequently, the ladies had rather receive children of a tender age, whose characters they can answer for when they depart, than children within a year or two of the period of apprenticeship, whose habits and morals they are unacquainted with, and who, when bound out, should they behave ill, bring unmerited discredit on the Institution. Whilst on this subject the ladies may be permitted to state here, out of its usual place in their Reports, their continued approval of the conduct of the Superintendant and Matron of the establishment, and, in proof of this deserved commendation, will mention the case of one of the girls brought up in the Asylum, who was indentured to the Ladies of the Corporation for six years, as a servant, and, at the expiration of her apprenticeship, which occurred in November last, asked permission (which was willingly granted) to remain in the capacity of a domestic, stating that she had always found the Asylum "truly her home," and preferred to remain within its walls rather than go elsewhere.

There are 31 children now serving their apprenticeship with respectable families, and the aggregate sum of £130 3s. 10d. has been received and placed at interest for their benefit, to be paid