

connexion with the rooms there is a Gratuity Fund, which is appropriated in various ways:

1st. By paying interest to the depositors in the Provident Fund, established with the view of inducing the women to save a little of their summer earnings for winter support.

2nd. To make up the price of clothing sold to the poor at reduced price.

3rd. A portion has been paid for Meat and Bread, but this is thought unadvisable, unless in extreme cases.

A Bible Mission in connection with the Industrial Rooms was established last year; this has subsequently been transferred to the superintendence of the Ladies' Bible Society.

The regulation of the Rooms has undergone little change since last year. Previous to work being given, the applicants are usually visited by one or more of the Visiting Ladies, their condition enquired into, and reported to the Committee, and in some cases referred to the Church Societies to which they respectively belong.

The Matron resides in the house, and some of the Ladies of the Executive Committee visit the rooms daily, and do much of the requisite cutting out, under the direction of the Lady Superintendent. On Fridays, the greater portion of the work is given out, brought in, and paid for; and as there is always a large attendance of women on that day, the opportunity is embraced for holding the Mothers' Meeting, which is conducted by some lady of the Executive Committee.

The weekly meeting of the Executive Committee for the transaction of general business, is held on Saturdays, and arrangements are then made for the work of the following week.

At one time this winter, the funds of the Industrial Rooms were very low; many of the applicants being unable to do the finer description of ordered work, a quantity of material has consequently to be made up into articles for sale, and although a considerable portion of such made up articles are disposed of at the weekly sales, still the accumulation of stock on hand keeps the funds low, during the season when employment is most required.

The celebration of the Marriage of the Prince of Wales in