

tions of interest and approbation. We have had frequent recourse to our Advisory Committee, and have been much assisted by their sympathy and support on all occasions. They published an appeal in the *Morning Chronicle*, giving a short history of the Association, and caused circulars to be sent to the merchants and others in the Lower Town.

This Association furnishes a home for respectable women of all classes, who from various and often unforeseen circumstances, find themselves alone. It is especially intended for those who are dependent on their own exertions for support, and supplies that want so long felt in Quebec, a home for gentlewomen in reduced circumstances. The regular charge for boarders is two dollars per week; sewing-girls and others who go out by the day, fifty cents per week; those who pay nothing are required to render some equivalent in work. The removal from the Artillery Park of course necessitated a reduction in the number of inmates, and there are now 8 boarders, a smaller number than there has been for some time. During the year there have been 43 inmates; of these 8 have paid the full amount; 18 have paid partially, generally at the rate of \$5 or \$6 per month; the remainder have been unable to pay anything. 14 of these have been strangers, respectable, yet destitute and friendless, to whom this institution has been indeed a refuge. The Matron, Mrs. Cochrane, is admirably fitted for the situation, and does all in her power to ensure the comfort and happiness of those under her charge.

The subject of emigration is frequently brought before the Committee by communications from the old country, proposing to send out women of all classes, and asking what arrangements exist for their reception. In answer to these inquiries, the Committee have expressed their readiness to receive domestic servants who come well recommended; but they do not feel justified in offering any inducements to those unaccustomed to manual labor and not qualified for any definite post. This class is always the most difficult to provide with remunerative employment; many seek situations higher than they are competent to fill, while on the other hand, the system of lady-helps is equally incongruous, and tends to the perversion of natural talent. We have had 4 emigrants this year, one of whom