

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

KIND FRIENDS—

It is the same old story we meet you with. Another year of opportunities for helping our less fortunate fellow-beings. Opportunities for doing good which we hope have been taken advantage of wisely. Another year of hopes and anticipations, many have been realized, encouraging us to perseverance, and helping us to bear the disappointments of others.

The changes in life bring to many sorrow and need. It is with feelings of gratitude that in this humble home the Directorate has been enabled during the year to shelter and provide for 161 girls, who by the death of parents or other adverse circumstances needed care and protection. Of these 95 were sent out to new homes or taken by relatives, beginning the New Year with 66 on the roll call.

In several instances this year we departed from the plan of "Indenture" and "adopted" our larger girls, each adoption application having been discussed on its peculiar merits, the decision arrived at deemed better for the girl and her future prospects, than by going out under "Indenture."

It is a happy thought that there are *now* no Incurrigibles in the Home. Those who had earned the character having been placed with much prayer and hope, with Christian people, who undertook the charge of extra supervision, looking to the Master for special guidance in the training. We have been already much encouraged by the reports re-