

bably from the want of publicity given to the importance of this Nursery Department, sufficient funds were not supplied to carry it on, so the Committee had reluctantly to give it up; but not without entertaining the hope that a benevolent public would see the necessity, at no distant period, of providing a comfortable home for such helpless little ones. In 1855 a work department was added to the Institution, for the purpose of supplying deserving applicants with needlework of different kinds, and in 1861 the necessity of the Industrial Rooms was so much felt that a separate house was taken, and for two years managed by a Sub-Committee. When the House of Refuge was opened a few years ago, it was unanimously agreed to have the Industrial Department removed to that Institution.

As may be seen by referring to the previous reports, the expenditure of the Institution has never exceeded \$1400 per annum. Average number of inmates 38. Rent, fuel, matron and teacher's salaries, and maintenance of over 30 children, testify to the economy with which the institution has been managed. It may not be out of place here, to advert to the pecuniary difficulties in which this institution has on several occasions been involved, as timely assistance invariably came from unlooked for sources—kind and Christian friends volunteered on two or three occasions to collect in aid of the funds; thus encouraging your Committee to feel assured that the homeless young ones, thrown upon their care, would be graciously provided for by their Heavenly Father.

Since the commencement of this year two esteemed members of the Committee, Mrs. Collard and Mrs. McNaughton, have been removed by death. They were for many years connected with the Institution, and took a warm interest in its welfare. Of them it may be truly said: "Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord; they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Since September, 1868, eleven children have been admitted, under twelve years of age, seven have been taken away by friends, and four have been provided with comfortable homes. It has been gratifying to your Committee to hear, from time to time, that the girls sent out to service are behaving well. In one instance a young girl was sent to a situation without the previous consent of