

and they seem to look upon her more in the light of a mother than of a teacher. There have been several examinations during the last two years, and the clergymen who kindly conducted these exercises, expressed themselves much pleased, both with the progress the children had made in secular knowledge, and especially with their prompt and correct replies to scripture questions.

Since the close of 1866, twenty-four children have been admitted, all under the age of twelve. For eight of these suitable places have been provided; six have been returned to their friends, and thirty-nine little ones are at present under the shelter of the Home. There have been no unfavorable accounts received of those who have gone to service, which fact is gratifying to your Committee.

The importance of this Children's Home is becoming daily more appreciated, and it is the earnest desire of the Committee that strenuous efforts should be made to erect a plain but commodious dwelling, large enough to enable them to admit three times the present number of inmates. This necessity is the more felt, as it is against the rule to admit children into the "Industrial House of Refuge." A small sum was realized last spring, by a sale of work done by Miss Hervey's junior pupils. This money goes to purchase materials for a larger sale, to be held next autumn in aid of the proposed erection. It is hoped that the friends of the Institution, with their usual liberality, will assist by their contributions, this desirable object.

The grateful thanks of the Committee are returned to Dr. Schilling, and his amateur friends, for two successive concerts, given in the spring of 1867, in aid of the Institution, and which realized upwards of 400 dollars. This handsome sum enabled your Committee to pay off all the debt which was then owing.

Sincere thanks are returned for the collection taken up in the "First Baptist Church," in aid of this Institution. Also to Mrs. Popham, for the very liberal amount collected by her in "Zion Church." Miss Hervey, and the ladies who collected with her last fall and this spring, return hearty thanks to T. Foster, Esq., for the sum of \$25, and to the other gentlemen on whom they called for the very liberal donations which many of them gave, and which were peculiarly acceptable at that time, when it was feared that