

whose able services, the Directresses tender their best acknowledgments, as well as to Messrs. William Spiers & Son, who kindly furnished two designs for the same.

After the above allusion to financial measures, the Directresses proceed to that important part of their duties, namely, to an account of the Orphans received, aided, and apprenticed.

During the last twelve months, forty-five orphans, (twenty-one boys, and twenty-four girls,) have received the benefits of the Asylum, of whom four boys have been very advantageously placed out.

At this point, it may be inquired, why, in a country where apprentices are so much needed, and called for, so few have been placed out. An examination of the list of the inmates will afford a ready answer. The great majority of the children are too young. According to the By-Laws, they are apprenticed at the earliest period that may be deemed safe and advantageous for their welfare, to wit, 12 years of age for boys, and 14 years for the girls. But, on the whole, the ladies do not so much regret the long period which these infants have to remain in the Asylum, because the advantages gained by them more than compensate for the care and expense of their support and tuition, for, during that pro-