

45 have been taken out by parents, 9 have been adopted, 1 has gone to service, 1 has died, and 4 ran away, being a total of 50 who have been removed from the Institution during 1875.

More have been given out for adoption this year than last, and we might here mention that the views of the Managers have undergone a gradual change in this particular. At first it was thought best to send this class of children almost exclusively to the country, but it was found, in some instances, the assistance required of them, as members of the family, was too great, to render their lot a desirable one. Now, the end aimed at is, that they should be chosen by those who will be able to give the advantages of education, and provide a *happy home* whether in city or country.

The three following extracts from letters are about girls who occupy the position of only children in their respective homes. The first reads :—

“August 22, 1875.

“DEAR MADAM,—Your letter came to hand in due time, but I am almost at a loss how to reply to you about the child, for it does seem strange for me to have to write about the good and bad qualities of my own child, for all I can say is, she is as dear to us as any child could be, and she is as fond a child as any one could wish for, thank God. She grows fast, gets on very well with her learning, and is a good child to go to schools, and she is a favourite with her teachers, both at day and Sunday-school; she reads a chapter in the Bible every night, and says her prayers night and morning, and grace before and after every meal. She is now reading as I am writing, and as far as my humble means will allow, I have made what provision I can for her, after I am gone, and had it properly executed. I think I cannot say anything more, and remain yours truly, R. D.”

The second concerns a little girl, one of two children whose mother died coming from England. Their family most respectably connected have sent remittances for a number of years, but hearing of the desirable openings available here, gave their permission for her adoption :—

“August 22, 1875.

“DEAR MADAM,—Your kind letter, telling me the good news about Daisy, reached me two days since. I wish that I could adequately express the gratitude I feel to you, and all the ladies with whom you are associated in this good work, for all the kind care you have bestowed upon these little ones, and the trouble you have taken, to secure for Daisy a good and permanent home. Most thankful too, I am, to our Heavenly Father, that he has crowned your efforts with so great success. I thank you so much for sending one of Mrs. T.'s letters; I like the tone of it, and cannot doubt but that in a short time she and her husband will *love* dear little Daisy too well, not to