

3rd. The necessity of permanent provision being made, either in the Lunatic Asylum or in some other establishment, for the numerous incurable idiots who are now at large.

The first has been to a certain extent acted upon by the city corporation, but there is still much room for improvement.

The last two, it is to be regretted, have not yet been carried out; but their necessity is so obvious that the Trustees hope to see them accomplished without any unnecessary delay.

There is one class of persons to whom the benefits of this institution cannot be extended, for want of accommodation and the means of placing them under control. The persons alluded to are the unfortunate females who infest our streets, many of whom would no doubt gladly abandon their vicious career were an asylum provided for them, instead of being constant inmates of a prison, from which they are too frequently discharged more depraved than when committed from their being associated with those more abandoned than themselves, and thus sink from one degree of misery to another until an early death terminate their wretched earthly career.

The Trustees are aware that the duties devolved upon them do not embrace the above characters; but anxiety for the welfare of all classes of persons in distress will, they are sure, excuse their allusion to the subject; and they earnestly trust that in this large and prosperous community, benevolent individuals will be found to provide a remedy for so melancholy a state of things.

The Trustees beg to express their obligations to the Committee of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, who have placed £50 at the disposal of this charity for the purchase of an additional supply of wood to be distributed among the poor during this winter.