

has been to make the Institution a second home to them, not as an asylum, but in the best sense of the word, a place endeared by precious associations, pleasant memories and happy influences.

It has been a pleasure to provide innocent and rational amusements whenever practicable. We have endeavored by watchful care and kindness to restrain the evil and develop the good. The vital interest we have taken in their welfare has been exemplified by our best counsel and advice, by inculcating habits of neatness, order and industry, by exercising a parental influence over them, by taking pleasure in their enjoyment, and by adopting a course of training which we trust will not only bring them prosperity in this life, but lasting happiness hereafter.

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We would also acknowledge the voluntary contributions received from our friends who are watching its progress with interest and who desire to see its success guaranteed.

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Mr. Geo. H. Davis merits our thanks for supplying the Institutions with medicines free, and Dr. Torrens for proffered professional services when needed. Numerous illustrated and other papers gladly read by our little ones. Annual Reports published by Institutions throughout the United States, Canada and the Mother Country, and copies of the "Maritime Farmer," "Graphic," "British Workmen," etc., from Mr. McNutt, Mr. Creed, Mr. Perley and other friends in Fredericton, have been very welcome.

Our Christmas Tree was profusely decorated with useful and