

## REPORT.

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THIS Institution, situated on Tower Road, has been doing its work quietly and effectually during the year that has elapsed since the last Report was published. Several of the girls have gone to places either in town or country, and several children have been received into the House. There has been comparatively little sickness, and no death has occurred in the Institution. The office of Teacher having become vacant the committee had considerable difficulty in finding a suitable person to fill it; they succeeded, however, in the month of July, in procuring the services of one whom they thought qualified to discharge the somewhat irksome as well as responsible duties of instructor of five and twenty children varying so much in age, disposition and mental qualities as do those collected in the House of Industry. Finding the duties in some degree different from what she anticipated, Miss Lamb tendered her resignation early in the Autumn, but considerably offered to remain with us until we could hear of a successor. This the Committee failed to do until about a month since, when they appointed Miss Pierce, a member of St. Paul's Congregation, who has now entered upon her duties.

To those familiar with the object and the practical working of the St. Paul's Alms House of Industry for Girls, it may seem needless to state in every report the purposes for which it was established; but experience has taught the Committee that it is necessary to reiterate these every year,—partly, because persons, not much interested in the Establishment, forget its exact object,—and partly, because there are persons who, though resident in the city, have scarcely so much as heard of its existence.

They would, therefore, state again that the object immediately in view is that of providing a home for those who are almost homeless, and of training them to be skilled domestic servants; of preserving young girls whose position—whether through the fault, or only the misfortune of their parents or guardians—is one of proximity to vice, from being drawn into the vortex and lost in its depths; in brief, it is a home for those who in their early years are in the midst of scenes calculated to lead astray—a home in which they may be trained in the duties of household servants, while at the same time they are taught reading, writing and arithmetic, and are instructed in the great truths of the Gospel of our Lord