

man, however, acted as he has frequently before, on Mr. Ketchum's behalf, and left at the several schools mementos of Mr. Ketchum's kindness, to the pecuniary value of \$131.14. It may not be generally known that Mr. Ketchum provided, several years ago, that his bounty to our City Schools shall be annually dispensed in perpetuity. The sense of his generosity and worth entertained by the Board will appear from its unanimous resolution adopted on the 17th of November, a copy of which will be found under the heading :—"Special matters worthy of record."

It is not necessary that I should take up again in this Report the topic which I dwelt on at some length in that of last year,—the education of the children of the negligent and dangerous classes of the community. It is possible that the operation of the existing Municipal Act, which provides for the opening of a House of Refuge by every municipality which has twenty thousand inhabitants, will, in some degree, meet the exigency of which almost every one seems sensible, but which statesmen and philanthropists appear equally at a loss to supply.

Throughout the year 1867, as for several years past, the inmates of that admirable Institution, the Boys' Home, have attended the Victoria Street School. Their attendance, however, has been, inevitably as it seems, so irregular and tardy, that their improvement must have been very small, while their effect on the School Registers has been evident and injurious. I am glad to learn that especial efforts are about to be made, which, it is hoped, will obviate these disadvantages in future.