

The Committee now turn to the pleasing duty of rendering thanks to all those who, during the past year, have remembered the "Home" with their accustomed liberality and kindness; and foremost among their many friends they would offer their hearty thanks to Dr. Thorburn, whose services have been, as ever, granted freely to the inmates of the Home. To Mr. Samuel Platt they are also much indebted for the handsome donation of \$100, with kindly promises of continued assistance. To the butchers, bakers and others, who have kept the larder of the "Home" well stocked throughout the past year, the Managers cannot too warmly make grateful acknowledgements of their donations, which have saved them the very large outlays they would otherwise have been called on to make.

The Committee also offered their thanks to the Editors of *The Mail* and *Leader* for gratuitous insertion of matters relating to the Institution during the past year.

In conclusion the Managers would express their hope that this slight review of the work of the past year will prove satisfactory to their many friends and the public generally, and that it will bespeak from them the same encouragement and systematic support that they have ever met with since their humble effort was begun, with much hope and truthfulness, in the autumn of 1859.

MARIA A. TAYLOR,

*Secretary.*

Boys' Home, Feb. 9th, 1874.

#### MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. Thorburn, the medical officer, then made his annual report, which stated that he had much pleasure in informing the Lady Managers of the Home that the health of the inmates during the past year had been remarkably good. There were at that time seventy boys in the institution, many of whom, before admission, had been weakened by disease and poverty—but cleanliness and wholesome diet soon after admission made a great improvement in their appearance and vigour. He could not, however, allow the opportunity to pass without urging upon the Directors the necessity of renewing their efforts to obtain proper drainage to the building. If they did not get this, their future health reports might not be so satisfactory.

The public were indebted to the philanthropic ladies who