

make a term of probation. We owe something to the public, and do not feel warranted to recommend for situations those who have had only a few days, or weeks or even months, in the Institution. The liberty of going out and in might fill our Home with inmates, but would do nothing in the way of moral reform.

The efficiency and success of the Home have been greatly promoted by the regular weekly supervision of the Lady Visitors, whose advice and countenance are very helpful to the Matrons, as well as to the inmates. Let them not weary in this labor of love, implying, as it does, considerable inconvenience and self-denial. Let them always come in their Master's name with a tear of sympathy and a word in season of compassion. Some necessary repairs and improvements for the building laid a great deal of extra work on one or two members of the Board, and it is only due to them to thank them for their kind superintendence over the work, the successful execution of which required professional and mechanical skill.

To the lady collectors, as to the subscribers, we again render grateful thanks for their indispensable services; without these our machinery must stand still, for we are dependent upon effort and benevolence. Money oils the wheels, and helps us to work heartily, but in order to gather it, our friends have to spend a good many hours, and travel a good many steps. We are getting the benefit in the meantime; by-and-by they shall have their reward.

Our warmest thanks are due to Dr. Britton, for his gratuitous medical attendance and advice. There have been no special cases of sickness among the inmates, other than might be expected in such an Institution. No death has to be recorded.

The diet and internal comfort of the inmates have been attended to as far as the economical appropriation of the funds will admit of. The necessary repairs in the laundry, and the improvement of the ground have incurred some extra expense, but we have to bear in mind, that besides the direct benefit arising from *good order*, arrangement and efficient machinery; contact with all these healthful appliances must have an influence for good; therefore it is desirable that from the very threshold, all the surroundings should be calculated to subdue, to refine, to elevate, to cheer. The proceeds for the year's work washing and sewing amount to \$1358 34.

Our excellent Matrons, Mrs. Spence and Miss Drennan are still with us, assiduously labouring, waiting, watching, praying. We cannot really estimate the difficulties of their position; their daily routine of duties requires a very large measure of wisdom, patience, tact and observation; head and hands and heart being the regulating powers in the establishment, the experience of to-day may not serve for to-morrow, for each new case bears some different phase or accompaniment—modification or aggravation, requiring fresh energy and special treatment. The Committee have always found these

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