

paper bag making,—and several children received daily instruction, under the supervision of ladies who had first learned the art of cutting the paper, and forming the various sizes of bags in general use. To these ladies in an especial manner the thanks of the Committee are due. Some of the merchants most kindly promised their support, and purchased the bags, which although they could not possibly vie with those made by machinery, as far as appearance went, yet were equally strong and useful. Up to the 31st December 1865, between two and three hundred thousand bags were made, and of these a very large number have been sold. If some friend would present the school with a paper bag machine, the bags made would then be equal in appearance to those imported from the States. Many of the children from their earnings have been able to purchase for themselves small articles of wearing apparel, which before they either did without, or obtained by begging. The paper bag making was only followed for a short portion of the day, so as not to interfere with the children learning to read and write,—at the same time by lessening the number in the schoolrooms, the master and mistress were enabled to give a more undivided attention to each child.

The average attendance of Girls is from 35 to 45

Do. do. Boys 30 to 40

The age of the children varies from 6 to 12 in the boys school, and from 6 to 14 in the girls school. The Parents seem to value the privilege granted them of sending their children—but the Committee hope in time they may be able to establish a Provident Benefit club and Fuel fund, which would, they think, make the school to be still more highly prized. A Soup kitchen was also opened at the School House and proved of great service to the families of those who attended the school, as well as to the numerous poor surrounding it.

The Committee regret that at present there is no Sabbath School, but hope when a missionary has been appointed to work in that district, one may be formed.

The Schoolmistress is paid from a fund in the hands of