

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

1899-1900.

1. In submitting their Sixty-third Annual Report the Board of Management have pleasure in being able to report the formal opening of the extensive additions to the buildings, furnishing double the former accommodation to inmates.

Through the kindness of the Chairman and Mrs. Alcorn, the opening took the form of an At Home, on the 26th Oct., to which all the subscribers and friends, including the members of the City Council, were formally invited.

Several interesting addresses were given to the guests, who assembled in the new hall, and subsequently the new wings were duly inspected.

2. The accommodation is now so ample that there is no excuse for the aged poor seeking the shelter of the jail as has been alleged, but experience proves that some who grow old in crime still seem better satisfied with the accommodation and companionship of the prison; moreover our lack of power to detain inmates of confirmed drinking habits renders the jail the only suitable place for such unfortunates in the absence of some government institution for inebriates.

3. With the increased accommodation comes a large increase in the number of inmates, and a largely increased expenditure, while the large sum taken from our invested funds to extend the building has materially reduced our revenue. The members of the Board united in an effort to make up the reduced revenue required, by a personal appeal to the public for subscriptions, but the effort was not altogether successful. The Board of Control recognizing and approving our efforts, supplemented the grant for the Outdoor Poor with an addition of \$2,000 for inmates.

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