

human probability, have become burthens to society, had it not been for the fostering care of this charity.

It is the anxious desire of the trustees to receive as large a number as possible of such cases, as they feel that the greatest benefit they can confer, not only upon the children themselves but upon society at large, is to rescue them from the scenes of vice and misery into which they are too frequently reared, and placing them in situations where by honest industry they may become useful members of society; and when it is borne in mind how large a proportion of those committed to prison are young in years, the great advantages of such an institution as the House of Industry must be at once apparent.

Regulations have been adopted by which the Trustees will be made acquainted from time to time with the condition of those who are apprenticed by this charity; and all persons who may desire to have children bound to them must produce testimonials of their good moral character, and undertake that the children placed under their care are morally and religiously brought up.

During the last session of parliament the Hon. H. Sherwood carried an act of incorporation, granting to the Trustees and Managers the power of holding lands and money, and also of apprenticing the children under their care; and it is to be hoped that there are benevolent persons who may be induced to endow this corporation, as it is most desirable that it should be placed upon a permanent basis as to funds.

In the last Annual Report the following important recommendations were introduced:

- 1st. The placing taverns, &c., upon a better footing, and reducing their numbers.
- 2nd. The providing a House of Correction for juvenile offenders.