

work of the superintendent and assistant is proving a very satisfactory source of revenue. \$41.71 was realized for work done in the rooms. The number of contributors to the rooms is 143.

A gradual, but marked improvement is observed in the work offered, and it is the constant endeavour of the Committee to raise the standard by declining to accept what is faulty, thereby encouraging their contributors to greater efforts to produce what is creditable both in design and execution. To show that the work has been appreciated elsewhere, it may be mentioned that several of the articles sent to the Woman's Industrial Section of the Glasgow exhibition last summer, through the kindness of Lady Stephen, were satisfactorily disposed of there.

A small venture has been made recently in the way of keeping materials for sale, principally those embroidery silks most in use, and also pieces of commenced needle work, which being frequently asked for, it is hoped will prove a convenience to patrons of the rooms, as well as contributors. If the Committee meet with the encouragement they anticipate, this branch of the work will probably be increased.

Steps have recently been taken to secure the services of a competent teacher to give a course of free lessons in advanced needlework to contributors who are anxious to improve the quality of their work, and also to increase the variety. This plan it is proposed to carry out immediately, before people disperse for the summer.

The Committee regret that they have not been successful in their endeavours to carry out to a greater extent the suggestions made by the chairman at the last annual meeting, but few demands in the way of furnishing governesses, cataloguing libraries, or decorating tables having been made upon them; contributors are however, ready to undertake any of these branches, if required.