

as a House of Industry, and a Teacher daily attended to instruct the girls in reading, writing and arithmetic. Past experience convinced the Committee that it would tend to the better management of the establishment to have a Matron who would also teach the children the elementary branches above named—and to employ a woman who could instruct the children in the general work of a household servant. The plan was adopted and is found to succeed well.

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Parker, Miss Gossip, who had taken great interest in the children, as their Teacher, lent her valuable aid to the Committee by taking whole charge of the Institution for some weeks. She remained until Miss Beeton accepted the situation and entered upon its duties. This assistance was very important at the time, and was so well rendered as to merit the thanks of the Committee. The House of Industry has since been going on smoothly, the new Matron affording every satisfaction. During the year eight girls left the school—some went to service, one went home, and two have found excellent homes in the houses of Christian people in the country. One, in particular, has been adopted by residents in Pictou and writes of her happiness. Another is just on the eve of going to a very nice family in the same county. We feel great satisfaction in being able to make this announcement and we hope to send many others in the same way from the school.

Six new children were taken in thro' the year; at one time nineteen were inmates, now there are fifteen. Their health has not been so good through the year as through the three preceding years, although the diet has been equally simple and varied. Lately a few of them had scarlet fever of a very mild type; from this they have now recovered. We are, however, informed by the Surgeon, that a change of locality would be desirable, by which more room would be afforded for exercise and recreation. The Committee feel that this step can only be taken by the combined effort of the Parishioners, and they earnestly request them to give the matter of the purchase of a site and the erection of a building their serious consideration.

As an industrial occupation that of muffin making has been very successful; a large number are sold every week, and give quite a handsome return. In the sale of these we have been greatly aided by Mr. W. D. Harrington, who most generously

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