

demands on its funds, has needed further aid, this has been liberally supplied by our friends.

An account of the evening garden party, held in the grounds of Belair Villa, under the auspices of Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. Lindsay, should have been written by one who had "the pen of a ready writer," to give an adequate description of the fairy scene into which the place was transformed by the good-will of all those residing in this favored spot. The Mendelssohn Choir sang some of their sweetest songs, which were rendered, as usual, in an artistic manner.

Time and space forbid any lengthened account of the anti-quarian dinner, where so many enjoyed "a feast of good things," liberally donated by generous friends; and for the same reason we can only allude to another of the novel entertainments so fruitful in furnishing material aid for the Home—a "Pound Party" given by Mrs. Bigelou, the proceeds of which were a truly welcome donation in the form of four hundred pounds of groceries, valued at eighty-five dollars, given by the friends of this manager.

The religious services have been regularly held on the Sabbath, with the exception of the few Sundays when the scarlet fever prevailed in the Home. The children are taught to know the Saviour and praise His name with their infant voices, while daily family prayer is not neglected. Our thanks are due to the clergymen and gentlemen who have so acceptably ministered in spiritual things to the adult inmates of the Home.

From the records of the year, we glean the following statistics: In the Home, April 1st, 1875, 38 children; received during the year, 127, being four more than last year. Of these only 41 have died, instead of 71, the number of the previous year, while 79 have been removed by parents and friends to their own homes, leaving the number of children at the close of this year, 45. Eight of these foster-children of the Home have this year been adopted by those who have a vacant place in their heart and home to fill; making in all thirty-four (34) since the Home was opened who have been transferred to the care of those who will love and cherish them.

Through the kindly co-operation of a sister institution there