

The managers have been advised that while the House was doing a commendable work, it had to some extent, owing to the growth of the city and lack of opportunity, drifted into work not so obviously contemplated by the Act.

A committee therefore was appointed to enquire and state what amendments, if any, were necessary and desirable, and the report of this committee is now under consideration. A clause with full power in respect of the Infirmary has been inserted in their report.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, &c.

The managers cannot do better than quote the language of of the Government Inspector on this point, Mr. Christie says :

The building was in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and order. Since my last visit bath-rooms and closets have been fitted up in each of the dormitories, and, while this somewhat contracts the capacity of the institution, the improvement made will manifestly be of great advantage. Other improvements of a minor character have also been made, all of which combine to put the House in a good and healthful condition.

The following rules in regard to the inmates may be referred to :

RULES AS TO CLOSING THE HOUSE.

22. The Superintendent shall see that all resident inmates of the House are within doors at or before nine o'clock for the night, and that they shall be in bed not later than 9.30.

23. Persons applying for shelter in the Casual Ward shall be admitted as late as nine o'clock, but provision shall be made by the Superintendent for the admission of applicants for the first time at a later hour.

The House is under the usual obligation to the Consumer's Gas Company for 1,500 bushels of Coke, and they also desire to express their acknowledgment to Messrs. S. Davis & Sons for sending to the Secretary the proceeds of an entertainment.

The Annual Tea, which has now become a feature of the House, and a donation of Xmas Cards and other presents