

REPORT.

The Trustees and Managers of the House of Industry beg to lay before the subscribers (in accordance with the act of incorporation) a statement of the affairs of the charity for the year 1851, from which it will be apparent that the usefulness of the institution has kept pace with its resources, and that the funds have been judiciously and economically expended.

In order to meet the increased demand for admission into the house, the number of beds has been increased from forty to fifty, which will entail an additional permanent outlay of at least £100 per annum.

In addition to this, the trustees have entered into arrangements for the erection of an outbuilding, where the casual poor and those who are not considered proper objects to be received into the Institution may obtain food and shelter for a night; the only recommendation being their distress. It will be calculated to contain twenty beds, and would have been built before the winter had not the lateness of the season prevented it; but immediately on the opening of the spring it will be carried out.

The Trustees are much gratified in being able to refer to the annexed statement of the large number of children who have been received into the establishment, and who have been comfortably provided for with respectable persons in the country. This assistance has not been confined to orphans, but has been extended to the children of those whose parents have either deserted them or who have been sent to prison—more than three hundred having been settled since 1838, many of whom would, in all