

Shelter Report.

Seed time and harvest have come and gone, the golden grain and ripened fruits have been garnered and as we glance backward and attempt to glean from the year's work for our annual report, we are impressed with the vastness of the field of labor and the great need for workers. It has been a year wrought with care and sorrow to so many members of the Board that we fear the goal in view at the beginning has not been reached. We have no doubt the recent appeals to the public for money or its equivalent for our soldier boys, the Red Cross Society, Patriotic Fund, Indian Famine Fund, etc., have interfered with the contributions to our work. Yet notwithstanding all these the total results are most encouraging.

And just here, before proceeding with our report, we wish to mention the gift of \$25 for the girls, from Mr. and Mrs. Dunnett, who out of the fulness of glad and thankful hearts on the 25th anniversary of their wedding wished to brighten the pathway of those less favored. They modestly requested that we should not notice this through the press, but we take the liberty of doing so here. We hope there may be many more silver weddings commemorated in the same way.

Our Shelter is still doing a good work, it is becoming better known and its influence is extending. During the year just closed 159 girls have found there the protection and advantages of a christian home. A helping hand extended, the word of wise counsel and advice given, situations found, principally that of domestic servants, by the matron, and through her influence sick ones have gained admission to the hospital and others sent home to friends. Ethel Burke, one of the little deaf and dumb girls was in the Shelter during the holidays again this summer. The average time of the girls at the Shelter has been only two days.

The denominations given are as follows: Methodists 43, Church of England 32, Roman Catholics 24, Presbyterian 20, Salvation Army 5, Baptist 2, Congregational 2, Brethren 1, no church 30.

Although this is our 5th annual Report we are led to believe that even now there are a great many people who do not fully understand the object and aim of the W.C.T.U. Girls' Shelter, so we explain again: It is a temporary home for young women over 16 years of age, of good character, where they may take shelter from the loneliness and temptations of the street. Practically it is supported by voluntary contributions by those who seek to prevent, so there may not be the reclaiming. Idleness nor dependance is not allowed. The girls while in the home must assist with the housework and those who are in a position to do so must pay 20 cents a day.

The Board of Management has held 12 meetings with an average