

long be spared to direct and guide this small but by no means unimportant branch of parish work.

The attendance this year has been more regular than formerly, varying but little during the winter, except for a short time after Christmas, which was largely owing to the epidemic so prevalent in the city at that time.

This year your Committee have each subscribed a small sum towards defraying all expenses not covered by the Dorcas Society, whom it has to thank for the greater part of the materials used for the work of the school. Their thanks are also due to Mrs. Esdaile and Miss Andrews for the regularity with which they have discharged their duties in the reading and singing branches of the work. The former they hope to retain with them for many years ; the latter, called away from the city by force of circumstances, leaves behind her a blank that will indeed be hard to fill.

During the 24 meetings which have been held, a large quantity of clothing has been made, the greater part of which the children have received for their own use, thereby lessening the work of the Dorcas Society. Three patch-work quilts were also finished, one of which, at the expressed desire of the late manager, shall be given to the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Another, under the direction of the Bishop, will be sent to a clergyman in the Diocese, and the third is intended for the Crèche.