

REPORT OF INDENTURE CHILDREN FOR 1896.

In addition to the thirty-five children mentioned in report for 1895 as indentured, we have this year placed out ten girls in homes where help was needed.

Three girls are receiving wages, two under my special guardianship, these being put to service in the city. Five have been returned to the Home, three of whom have again been indentured. Three having reached the age of eighteen have received the money invested for them, they are all doing well.

No person in future, need hesitate about taking a girl from our Home, some have feared that after years of care, the girl may be taken away when most useful, but this is now impossible, as I am happy to inform you the case in which we were engaged has been finally settled in our favor. The case was one where the Mother attempted to regain possession of the girl, whom she had allowed to be brought up by others, until she had become useful, and for the purpose of forcing us to take her from the lady to whom she was indentured, issued a writ against us, the case having been decided in our favor, she took the case to appeal, with a similar result, this therefore placed our indentures on a firm basis. The health of the girls have been good, with one exception, and that one is now convalescent. I append letters from some of those, who have now passed out of our care, from these you will learn how much good this Home is doing in guarding the children abandoned to us until they are fitted to contend with the world and gain a living in a proper and respectable manner.

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