

CONCLUSION.

And now, in conclusion, we would refer briefly to the work done within the walls of this institution. During the forty years of its existence a refuge has been afforded to the aged and care-worn who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who seek a shelter in their declining years; care and training have been given to the little children who have found here a happy home. Many of these children now occupy respectable and useful places in the community; many have found homes where they are loved, cared for, and trained up as members of the family; many are heads of families themselves. It is almost impossible to estimate the good that has been done, or the labor that has been expended in the doing of it. There have been times of sore trial, when the children have been prostrated with illness and the matron worn with much anxiety and watching; still, it may be safely said that it is a happy family that is domiciled under the friendly roof of the Orphans' Home. It is the aim of the managers and of the matron that there should be as little of the "institution look" about the establishment as possible. No uniform is worn, nor are the children hedged about with such observances as tend to make them feel that they are charity bred. As for the old people—well, if they are not happy in their bright, cheerful rooms, with all their wants supplied, it is because, poor souls, they have, many of them, been so tossed about by the storms