

58 immigrants of previous years returned to the Home to rest before taking new situations.

Seven parties, under the charge of competent matrons, were sent out through the United British Women's Emigration Association, by the Hon. Mrs. Joyce. A few girls were sent out by Mrs. Foster, from Bristol.

Seven girls went to the United States, hearing reports of higher wages, but five returned dissatisfied.

Miss Proctor brought out four girls from the Southwark Roman Catholic Society, and had an interview with the Committee with a view to co-operation in her work during the coming season.

The number of immigrants received into the Home this year is not so large as before, in consequence of the increase in steamship steerage rates. This is greatly to be deplored. If it continues there is no doubt the country will in time suffer, especially in the thinly populated districts of the North-West; and a system of government-assisted immigration, conducted on strict principles, is a thing greatly to be desired.

The difficulty of obtaining well trained, respectable domestic servants in sufficient numbers to meet the requirements of the largely increasing well-to-do classes in this country, is as great as ever; and it cannot be expected that good servants will leave good situations at home to emigrate to a colony with uncertain prospects, having to pay out so large a sum as £5 for their passage.

Those who have passed through the Home during the present year have been of a superior class, and are doing well, not a single case of ill behaviour having been reported to the Board of Management.

On Thursday, May 14th., a successful conference on Female Immigration was held in connection with the National Council of Women, presided over by their Excellencies Lord and Lady