

THE EXCURSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Did a very important work supplementary to the work at the Chambly Home. This Committee can reach a class who could not spare so much time from their domestic duties and worries as would enable them to spend a fortnight anywhere in the country. What a boon for hundreds, who are so situated, are the whole day's excursions to Sherringham Park or to any similar place that might be selected! Tickets for the trip are distributed by members of the Committee, who have the city divided into districts, and are expected to go over their districts as far as the tickets at their disposal for the trip will allow, and to begin each time where they left off the time before. The holders of the tickets are on the tiptoe of expectation for some days, and are early at the appointed place, when the happy morning arrives. They spend two hours and a half going and coming in the pleasant sunshine, and about three hours in the park. The materials for a substantial dinner are served as they leave the boat. There is plenty of milk for the little folks and tea for those of riper years. Then come the swings and other amusements, till the bell for the start homeward is heard. In all there were three trips during the past season. The Committee realize their great value, and feel that the only limit to this part of the work is the pecuniary one. There were 1,850 persons who received the benefits of these excursions this year. We could have made at least five trips during the season, had the means been forthcoming. At the same time much was done, and the staff of volunteers, both ladies and gentlemen, did good service, and enjoyed the work.

It may be interesting to note the numbers who enjoyed the benefits of the Fund during the various years since its inception:—

Year	At Home	At Excursions	Total
1887	709	5,537	6,246
1888	1,050	1,200	2,250
1889	976	1,800	2,776
1890	1,195	2,200	3,395
1891	1,205	1,275	2,480
1892	1,275	2,700	3,975
1893	902	2,200	3,102
1894	1,044	1,850	2,894
	<u>8,356</u>	<u>18,762</u>	<u>27,118</u>