

THE CHURCH HOME

continues its good work of gentle care for the aged, men and women, who come under its charge. There are 26 in the Home at present, every available place having a cot and an inmate. Mrs. Grately, a dear old lady, who has been with us for two years, met with a serious accident lately. While spending the day with her friends she fell and fractured her thigh. At her advanced age, it is almost impossible that she can recover, indeed one sees her steadily failing in strength from day to day, and we cannot help regretting that we yielded to the advice of her doctor, and allowed her to be taken to the Hospital when the accident happened. If there were hope of the injury being remedied, no doubt the Hospital with its fracture beds and needful appliances, would have been the best place for her ; as her recovery is most improbable, we should like the dear old woman to spend her last days in the happy surroundings of the Home. She is constantly visited, however, by the Sister-in-charge, and all is done that can be for her relief and comfort. (Since the above was written Mrs. Grately has been brought back to the Home, to her great joy.)

The Girls' Guild of St. Margaret's Church, of which a Sister is the head, last year gave \$20, the proceeds of an entertainment to the Home, to be spent on improving the Chapel.

The estimate for the contemplated improvement was, unfortunately, a much larger sum, so that it was not undertaken. We wish, however, whilst very gratefully thanking the Guild for their generous gift, to assure them that the work is only postponed for a time, the money being safe in the bank until such time as we can add a little to it and proceed with our decoration. There is no way in which the gift could be spent with so much pleasure to the Sisters, whose rooms are necessarily of the simplest possible description, all the beauty which they may enjoy being centered in their Chapel, where is the restful joy of their life. The Guild have shown their full appreciation of the best way to please the Sister, for whom they have always exhibited deep affection, which on her side their Sister most cordially returns.

Many kind gifts have been made to the Home ; amongst them are six pairs warm socks, home made, given by Miss Wills, and a warm quilt of patchwork, with texts prettily arranged on some of the patches, has been sent to us by a kind friend in Norwood, through our Associate, Mrs. Gibson. We are very grateful to all the good friends who generously help our work