

by the Scholars was extremely satisfactory to those present, and highly creditable to Mr. Morris and Mrs. Purcell, who are respectively in charge of these Institutions.

The attendance at the National Sunday Schools affords no room for complaint, considering the number of similar institutions established in other parts of the city. The average number upon the books is 157. To the young ladies and gentlemen who so generously devote their time and talents to the instruction of those poor children, great praise is due.

The Library attached to the Sunday School contains 370 volumes of a moral and interesting nature. Of these, 24 volumes of the Saturday and Penny Magazines, with a few other valuable books, have been added during the past year.

The financial concerns of the Schools appear under a gloomy aspect. They had not for two years received the customary grant of £100 from the Legislature, and were consequently under the necessity of borrowing to a large amount from the Committee, to whom they were indebted last year in the sum of £234 17s. 5d. They have since that period been fortunate in receiving Legislative aid to the amount of £200. The relief thus afforded will be but temporary in its effects, since of that sum there remains in the hands of the Treasurer only £58, the remainder having been appropriated to the payment of the arrears due to the Master and Mistress, and to the liquidation in part of the large debt due to the Committee. The sum received in part payment of the latter debt has been of small amount, and a balance of £204 17s. 5d is still due to the Committee, while the sum just mentioned as being in the hands of the Treasurer will not be sufficient to pay the next half years salary of the Master and Mistress. Should therefore the institutions be deprived of Legislative aid during the present year, they will have to contend with renewed difficulties, and the large sum in which they are now indebted to the Committee will, instead of being diminished, probably receive augmentation.

The Committee, before dismissing this subject, would earnestly invite the friends of the Institution to pay occasional visits to the Schools. This plan would prove a stimulus to those in charge, and also serve to convince the children of the lively interest taken in their welfare, by those whom Providence has placed in stations above them.

If the preceding statement of the proceedings of the Committee during the past year justifies the hope that under the Divine Blessing they may have been in some degree instrumental in sowing

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