

condition of some of the children, when we receive them. More than one infant has been brought to the Home by the police, found in the street, or rescued from the arms of a drunken parent, and several have come in hopelessly ill, the result of poverty, exposure, and ill-treatment. It would be impossible to enumerate the variety of cases that come under our notice; each has its individual interest, but poverty and wretchedness are always the prominent features. The funds at our disposal are so limited, and the applicants for admission so numerous, especially during the winter months, that it is a difficult task to determine which are the most deserving cases, and we are sometimes forced to refuse help to those, we would otherwise gladly aid.

With the exception of a government grant of \$400, the Home is entirely dependent upon voluntary subscriptions for support, and these, during the past year, as previously mentioned, have fallen very far short of their usual amount. Indeed in the early part of the winter, we feared, for lack of funds, we should have to close our doors against any new applicants, but a kind Providence raised up friends in our need, and so far we have continued the work and kept out of debt.

Though the strictest economy is practised, our expenses are, and always will be, heavy; the care of so many young children necessitating, as it does, a large number of nurses, we have a very extensive family to provide for. We again appeal to the generosity of our citizens for assistance. The Home has many friends and supporters, but it needs many more. Those who read these lines, and have as yet, given nothing to this noble charity, we would earnestly remind that their aid could never be more timely than now. Let those willing to help us, follow the generous impulses of their hearts by sending subscriptions to the Treasurer, Mrs. Ault, 143 Stanley Street.

We have much pleasure in stating, that H. R. H. Princess Louise, at the solicitation of the Committee, has graciously consented to become Patroness of the Institution.

We are much indebted to our several Standing Committees for the successful management of the Home. Each has diligently and faithfully performed its appointed work, but, specially would we call attention, to the valuable services rendered by the members of the Clothing Committee, who, assisted by a number