

The reading of the different reports by their respective officers followed : the adoption of which was moved by Rev. Dr. Thomas, who gave an interesting and encouraging address, making " Love " the foundation-stone on which this praiseworthy work is carried on ; seconded by Mr. Warring Kennedy, who emphasized the value of such a " Home " in forming the character of these children for their future.

The children then sang, " We plough the fields " in happy unison. Before closing the meeting, Mr. Baldwin spoke of the pleasure he always felt in visiting the " Girls' Home " and hearing of its success. Dr. Thomas led in prayer, and the meeting closed by all joining in the " Doxology." The children, marching two and two, wended their way to the dining-room, singing " Excelsior."

W. D. CARLYLE, *Secretary.*

MEDICAL REPORT OF GIRLS' HOME, 1897.

Madam President and Ladies,—

The past year has been marked by a somewhat larger amount of illness than usual among the children, but though we have had two epidemics, neither of them was serious in character, and in only one case was the result fatal. Everything possible has been done to keep the Institution in good sanitary condition and to maintain the children in good health, and the results have certainly justified the large amount of work expended by the Board and staff in these directions.

In November, 1896, scarlet fever broke out among the children, and cases occurred at intervals until late in January of this year.