

third, whether there was any contagious disease in the family, or neighborhood.

"The strict adherence to these rules will account for the very safe and satisfactory work of the season. It would be claiming much to assert that the work, this year, considering the time it lasted, was equal to that of last year, but your Sub-Committee have no hesitation in saying that it was. The number sent to Chambly, allowing that the season was one week shorter, was fully equal to the number taken out the previous year. Owing, no doubt, largely to the skill and care exercised by the medical gentlemen, both in the city and at the Home, there was very little sickness which was not speedily and successfully treated, and there was no instance of a contagious case being taken out to endanger the health of the Home.

"There are some things that necessarily limit a work of this kind, as there will be limits to any work of philanthropy that can possibly be started. (1) Some of the poorest and most destitute are unable to go from home for so long a period without much more being done for both mothers and children than the Committee can possibly undertake with the means at its disposal. (2) Wives and housekeepers must sometimes stay at home for the sake of their husbands and boarders. (3) Some cannot fulfil the necessary conditions as to character and fitness. (4) Some are rejected by the Doctor for sanitary reasons. And yet there was no difficulty in keeping the Home filled to its utmost capacity during the whole season by those who were able to fulfil all the conditions. More could have been done had not the Committee been exceedingly anxious to close this season's work without a balance on the wrong side.

"The Committee upon Inmates, in fact all engaged in the work, have much cause for thankfulness that all these people, most of whom were of very tender age and unused to travelling, were safely conveyed to and from the city without any serious accident. The Committee could not fail to note in those returning from the Home the general improvement that had taken place, as well as many individual cases which attracted special attention.

"Such an agency as this cannot fail to produce a good effect upon the public health, and create a kindly feeling and interest between the different sections of the community. The Committee would close with a strong recommendation that the work be continued.

"It frequently happens that children are found too ill to be taken from their beds to the Fresh-Air Home, and consequently remain unprovided with medical treatment, or any attempt at methodical nursing. If the funds permitted an extension of the work, it would appear that great benefit might be done by providing some means of relieving these little sufferers."

The last paragraph suggests an important extension of the work. That such an extension would be productive of great blessing no one can deny, but to carry it out would necessitate an increased medical staff, competent nurses, and an increase in the moneys placed at the Committee's disposal. The public alone can decide this question.