

good and useful one, which commends itself to all thinking minds, and ought to do so, especially, to those who are blessed with happy homes full of boys and girls of their own.

During this year, excepting for measles of a light kind, the health has been excellent, for which all in charge are sincerely thankful. They feel most grateful to those members of the Medical Board, Dr. Graef and others, who have watched with unremitting care over the children.

In thanking Mr. Huson Murray, our invaluable Solicitor, we may say, with so much talk of war abroad, how glad we should be to feel we have had peace at home, not even a law suit, thanks to Providence.

The Matron, Miss Deacon, ably seconded by her Staff, has been most attentive to her duties, as the general state of the Home will prove, and also the bright aspect of the children under her rule. Strangers who have gone through the wards, have not been slow to note this, or to give expression to their favourable impressions.

The strictest economy, consistent with comfort, is observed in all departments, whether cooking, clothing, or sundries.

There is a Fire Insurance for ten thousand dollars on the building, but with the Divine blessing and all watchful care, it is to be hoped it will remain permanently with the Company.

Work has gone on as usual in the sewing rooms (of which a list is given), making or mending the many little garments for the large family, for 227 is a large family under one roof. People who are sitting at home, finding the time long, might well take this into their consideration, and try if their nimble fingers can sew or knit for the orphans. There are plenty of little feet to cover, and bodies to be clothed; and everything will be most acceptable.

There are many who give quite out of proportion to others, and yet have never put their names down in a book; they are the tradespeople, the butchers and bakers, the greengrocers, and many others, from whose door the market wagon never goes empty. Many hearty thanks to them for their continued generosity, and to Mrs. Carlyle.

There is another excellent charity which has been extremely kind to this one, although struggling under a heavy load itself, it is the Hospital for Sick Children, which has always been ready to help any of the little ones needing surgical or other aid. The Managers are very grateful for such help as this is.

One of the greatest pleasures of the year, was the visit paid by her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who was presented with a basket of flowers, by the youngest child in the Home, and who won all hearts by her sweet gracious manner and kind words.