

of workers has been largely increased, each case proving so urgent that we felt it imperative to relieve by providing work and thus prevent, if possible, the need for charity, although often that had to be extended to cover present needs. Employment has been provided for 193 women, and \$4,591.34 expended in payment of same.

The workers classified are as follows:—

Episcopalians .....	96
Presbyterians .....	35
Methodists .....	24
Baptists .....	12
Congregationalists .....	6
French and Italian Protestants .....	10
Unclassified .....	10

The Annual Bazaar realized \$4,576.22. This Bazaar serves a double purpose: it brings in funds for our work and it helps to dispose of the stock of clothing on hand. This accumulation of stock is one of the greatest difficulties with which the Society has to contend, and any suggestion as to how to meet that difficulty would be gladly welcomed. The proceeds of the fancy-work table, viz., \$365.00, was expended in purchasing clothing for the different charitable institutions and our own workers. The result of the Spring sale was most discouraging, only \$195.93 being realized, and the committee have to meet a new year burdened with a stock of over 8000 garments. It is of great importance to have as much as possible of this stock sold, as we depend on that as a part of our needed revenue, and we earnestly hope that some kind friends will help us in disposing of it. We are grateful to the following ladies for their kindness in conducting the Friday morning meetings with the workers:—Mrs. Castle, of Rochester; Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Turnbull; also to the latter for supplying hymn books, books and papers. The kindly and sympathetic words spoken must have encouraged many a heart that has felt but little of this world's brightness. Through the generosity of our friends we were again able to supply our workers at Christmas time with gifts of Christmas

dinner and clothing. A full list of contributors is appended. Miss Dow and Mrs. Gault sent \$40 each towards supplying Summer Trips for the women, and through the kindness of one friend we were enabled to supply coal and wood to 16 families.

The Old People's Home at Longue Pointe has been regularly visited, and the inmates found happy and contented; when improvements for the comfort of the old people have suggested themselves to the ladies, they have reported to the governors.

We would most heartily thank all those who by their generosity have enabled us to carry on our work; particularly would we thank the churches for the generous contributions at the time of the Bazaar, also the many who, outside of our own committee, have given us practical aid.

We most cordially thank the ladies of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Ladies' Aid Societies for visiting and inquiring into the needs of applicants.

We feel confident that it only requires the nature of our work to be known, and people to feel that every purchase made from the Industrial Rooms means help to the industrious poor, to secure the support we need.

All orders, including those for the finest underclothing, receive prompt and careful attention from our efficient Superintendent, Miss Rhind.

We extend our sincere thanks to Messrs. Bentley & Co., for printing; Messrs. Burland & Co., for tickets; editors of *Gazette*, *Star*, *Witness* and *Herald*, for insertion of notices; and to all who in any way have assisted us in furthering the interests of this most deserving charity.

On behalf of the Committee,

MARGARET McARTHUR,

Secretary

May 5th, 1897.