

be effected in the article of fuel. They have also resolved as far as possible to induce the outside pensioners to use coal in their own houses, believing that in this way they will be taught lessons of economy which will contribute, in some degree, to mitigate their sufferings. Three hundred tons of coal have been purchased, and are now being distributed for this purpose. The wise and salutary measures adopted for providing comfortable homes for destitute children continue to produce the happiest results. Nothing can be more demoralising to the children, nor dangerous to the citizens at large, than to have a number of idle and vagrant children thrown upon our streets to beg for a living, while they are constantly shut out from those moral and religious influences which form the principal elements of civilized life. Provision is therefore made by which parents and others who are incapable of providing a living for their children may bring them to the House of Industry, where they are placed at school, and their morals and persons kindly cared for and protected by the excellent Superintendent and Matron, until suitable homes can be found for them in the country. Eighteen children have been thus apprenticed out during the year, where they will be taught those habits of industry and sobriety which will prepare them for usefulness and competency through life. To rid the city each year of a score of children thus saved from