

thanks and praise to God who first led my wayward steps to the refuge of the poor wanderer."

Thus to those Christian friends who minister to the higher interests of the inmates, it may be said—"Brethren, your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

While the Committee present their thanks to all contributors, they feel they cannot sufficiently express their gratitude to those who have also with a most generous liberality contributed towards the erection of the new building. These contributions are sufficient evidence of the interest taken in the Institution, and the hope is indulged that the expectations formed of its future usefulness may be more than realized.

Special thanks are due to Mr. Piatt, Water Commissioner, for two liberal donations.

Dr. Robinson most kindly continues to respond to every call made upon him.

Of Mrs. Aiken, the Matron, too much cannot be said. Perhaps the best tribute to her worth is found in the respect and affection with which she is regarded by those committed to her charge.

The erection of the new building has necessarily involved much labor, and the Committee cannot but express their sense of obligation to Mr. Lesslie and Mr. Alcorn for the time and attention which they have given in connection therewith, and they feel that it is owing to their advice and co-operation so cheerfully given they have been enabled to surmount many difficulties. Through Mr. Lesslie's kindness also, they are enabled to append the accompanying short history of the Institution, which they feel confident will not be without its interest to the many patrons of the Asylum, as well as to the public in general.

AGNES MCGEE, *Secretary.*

N.B.—The sub-matron, who is thoroughly qualified, is at the head of the sewing department, and a first-class laundress has in charge the washing and ironing. Ladies may therefore intrust the Institution with orders under either department, with the fullest confidence in their being well attended to.

As to the origin of this benevolent movement. About the year 1839, in consequence of the representation of some of our city physicians concerning the cases of two or three poor outcasts who were then being discharged from the Hospital homeless and friendless, and in danger of again returning to a life of vice and misery, a benevolent member of the present Committee of the Asylum, with the aid of humane friends, found

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