

them with work. The visitors wish again to express their gratification at the industry and contentment of the inmates.

The Executive Committee of the Industrial Rooms present their sixth Annual Report as follows:—

The work of the Institution has proceeded as usual during the past year; employment having been given to 153 women, being respectively 135 Protestants, and 18 Catholics. The average number of applicants for work, weekly, during the winter amounted to about 90. The women are visited in their own houses by members of the Committee, and are always well received. It will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, that the sum of nearly \$3000 has been paid to these women for work during the past year, and the Committee feel that the disbursement of so large an amount to the poor for actual work—goes far to establish the principle upon which they began their Industrial Rooms, —viz., to discourage pauperism and promote a spirit of self reliance and industry. The Committee have again to thank Alexander McGibbon, Esq., for his continued kindness in furnishing them, whenever it is required, with large quantities of bags, such orders being of great assistance in giving work to a class of applicants otherwise very hard to supply. Also to C. Alexander, Esq., Chairman of the Poor Relief Committee, for his constant attention and kindness in procuring coarse work for the poorer workers.

They are also very grateful to the Board of Out-Door Relief for purchasing over \$100 worth of coarse clothing; which materially aided them at a time, when employment for their poorer workers was much required.

It is gratifying to state that there has been steady improvement in the work of the women during the past year. The Committee regret that through limited means, and the want of a greater demand for coarse work, they are unable to supply a larger number of applicants, this class of work being always a loss to the Institution which it is impossible to cover by the small percentage upon superior work. To make up this loss they rely upon the Annual Bazaar.

It will be seen by the report of the Treasurer of the Provident Fund, that it continues to be a part of the Institution, being the means of inducing the women to lay by their summer earnings, also of assisting them in procuring clothing at reduced rates.

The Annual Bazaar was held on the 16th and 17th of March, and through the kindness and liberality of its friends and the public, proved an unusual success, the receipts being over \$1800. The different tables realized as follows:

Stock table.....	\$822 85
Fancy table.....	436 15
Refreshment table.....	300 00
Children's table.....	121 11
Tickets	174 44
Total.....	1854 55

The Committee desire to return their grateful thanks to the friends who so liberally contributed in work and refreshments to the Bazaar; to the Colonels and Officers of the different Regiments whose bands performed on the occasion, also to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly gave their services during the Bazaar.

Many thanks are returned for the following contributions:—R. Graham, Esq., for account books; J. C. Becket, Esq., for account forms; J. McKay & Brother, for useful remnants.

They wish also gratefully to acknowledge the following donations:—

\$100 from the City and District Savings Bank; \$25 from E. K. Greene, Esq.; \$10 from H. McLennan, Esq.; \$5 from Mrs. Redpath.

The Committee return sincere thanks to the Editors of the *Gazette*, *Witness*, *Herald*, *Telegraph* and *Daily News*, for their kindness in gratuitously inserting advertisements and notices for the Institution.

The Committee regret having lost Miss Thomson's services as Secretary, she being obliged to resign. Mrs. E. Wilson accepted the office in her place.

They are gratified to state that they still retain their very efficient matron, Mrs. Milne, to whose untiring efforts in behalf of the Institution, they feel sure it owes much of its success.

A Mother's Meeting is held every Friday morning, which a number of the workers attend. The same ladies continue to devote a portion of time each week to the work department. Some of them cutting and preparing work,—while others superintend the work given out and taken in.

The Ladies feel they cannot close this report, without gratefully acknowledging the kind assistance of Mr. Brown, the Secretary of the Institution, who cordially co-operated with them in all their work, and furthered their efforts in every way in his power.

Respectfully submitted, .

E. WILSON,
Secretary.

The following are the office-bearers and sub-committee for the coming year:

LADIES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PROTESTANT HOUSE OF INDUSTRY AND REFUGE.

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