

children. Punch and Judy were welcome visitors; the musical programme so kindly contributed by Dr. Geikie and his friend helped to enliven a winter's evening and was appreciated by their audience.

The Managers beg to acknowledge most thankfully the continued grants from the Government and from the City Council.

They are again indebted to Mr. Lee for his kindness in auditing the Treasurer's statement.

They owe grateful thanks to their solicitor, Mr. Neville, for valuable legal advice besides generously sending discharged account.

The Managers feel grateful to the Press of the City for courtesies received.

They also feel indebted to the proprietors of the "Pantech." for so generously loaning them lamps, china, etc., for use at their last Annual Meeting.

We have the memory of a sorrow in the death of our esteemed Honorary First Directress, Mrs. McCaul, who was one of the founders of this Home, and occupied the honorable position of First Directress for over thirty years. She has been called "higher" to receive the reward of one who, self-denying, did what she could for the Master.

This is the New Year for our Home, the season of gifts. From the days of paganism this happy custom of giving presents has been practised; we read of the Druids distributing branches of mistletoe, and of the Saxons giving away personal ornaments, but money giving is essentially English. In this fair Canada of ours, we seem to combine all the good customs of the past as our appended lists will testify. We feel a deep sense of gratitude that all our needs have been supplied, and we begin the year with a balance, owing to the liberality of those,

Who gave as the free air and sunshine are given,

Lavishly, lovingly, joyfully give.

Our earnest hope is, that as our collectors make their annual call, to gather the necessary means to carry on this philanthropic work, they will again meet with that sympathy and support which this charity