

His Worship the Mayor, who united in making the application, that an act has been passed in accordance with their petition granting the sum of £250, and that £100 of that sum has been already paid into the hands of the Treasurer by warrant of the Lieutenant Governor to the Mayor. The Dorcas Society under the efficient management of its President Mrs. Macaulay, has been an important auxiliary to your Committee in furnishing clothing for the poor; and they would recommend a further grant in aid of its funds.

In concluding this Report your Committee would express their earnest hope that no considerations will divide the friends of benevolence, in carrying out to their fullest extent the salutary principles upon which Houses of Reformation, of Refuge, and of Industry, have been established, so far as our imperfect knowledge of them, and our circumstances will admit and require. The rescuing of the poor from their bodily wretchedness is admitted by all to be an imperative duty; but it is equally a duty, and more important in the estimation of the philanthropist, to improve and elevate the human character. The Institutions referred to aim at this end, and the natural effect of that charity which ministers to the physical necessities of the poor, is to open the heart to instruction, and to give weight and power to the lessons of wisdom: at once relieving distress, and by regenerating the character securing the individual, in a great degree, against its recurrence. Such a cause, therefore, demands support; and your Committee commit it with confidence to the care and the benevolent protection of their fellow-citizens.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. E. TAYLOR,
Secretary.