

coupled with kindness of heart and tenderness of manner admirably fit her for her work. Our assistant matron, Miss Dunlop, has also proved herself to be the right woman in the right place, uniting as she does, firmness and discipline with the christian graces of love and patience. We are greatly indebted to Miss Dunlop for the successful establishment and management of the laundry.

The faithfulness of our weekly visitors, also conduces in a great measure to success. This year our staff of visitors has been increased by several who give evidence of special adaptation to this difficult and peculiar work. But, while our strength has thus been increased, we have been called upon to mourn the loss through death of two of our warmest supporters and most faithful and successful workers, Mrs. John Gowans, and Mrs. R. W. Laird, former Treasurer of the Haven. Mrs. Gowans was called away after months of bodily weakness, and Mrs. Laird suddenly, from what appeared to be perfect health. The call did not find them unprepared, and "they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Sickness and absence from the city, has deprived us of the presence and counsel of our beloved President, Mrs. Clarke Gamble, who from the beginning has taken such a deep interest in the Institution. Mrs. Butler also, has been laid aside for months. We hope soon, however, to welcome the return of these friends with increased strength and power for service.

Dr. White, our indefatigable medical adviser, has also found it necessary to resign the office of Consulting Physician; the vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Irving Cameron. We are very grateful to Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen for the able and courteous discharge of all her duties as Acting Physician, and we sincerely hope that during the coming year these duties may not be as onerous as in the past.

And now we come to the consideration of a question which we are called upon frequently to answer, viz:—