

shift for themselves ; being found in the streets in a state of destitution, they were brought to the Home from which place they have been provided with situations. Of the 40 boys admitted into the Home during the year, 9 are total orphans, 20 have lost one parent ; 6 put in by fathers on account of drunken mothers ; 5 by mothers on account of drunken fathers ; 8 have been admitted in the last month. Situations have been obtained for 15 boys. Nine have been taken out by their parents. Two colored boys have absconded.

The building now occupied for the Home, affording much more space than is required for the accommodation of the objects of the charity, the Committee would gladly carry out a design suggested to them, of using some of the rooms as a temporary refuge and lodging house for the homeless lads of the city, who are employed during the day, but who from want of homes, pass their evenings in low taverns, frequently spending the money they have earned in gaming, drinking or other debasing habits. Boys exposed to such influences must turn out vicious members of society ; but if a better state of things were encouraged, if after working hard during the day, they had a clean and pleasant resort for the evening, where some amusement and social comforts—for they need them as much as others,—were provided for them, a new order of things would soon prevail among the degraded classes of the city. Mr. Hamilton has kindly promised