

## FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

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## Women's Christian Association.

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In reviewing the work of the Women's Christian Association for the past year, our first thought is one of gratitude to Almighty God for the many tokens of His love and favor that He has bestowed on us. We have had many trials and difficulties, especially during the autumn, when the funds were all but exhausted and no provision made for the winter; but God's bountiful grace and mercy have supplied all our need, and we have realized that He is able to do above all that we can ask or think.

It is a matter of congratulation that the objects of this Association are being better understood and appreciated by the class for whom they were intended, and each succeeding year shows the increasing necessity for such an institution. The limits of a general report prevent us entering into details, but very interesting accounts might be given of the inmates, many of whom are bereft of home and kindred, and who find here a shelter where they receive sympathy and encouragement.

In order to dispel any misunderstanding that may still exist on the subject, we would again repeat that this Association is intended to assist respectable women of all classes, who are dependant on their own exertions for support. These include women of education and refinement, sewing girls and domestic servants of all grades, besides others of whose antecedents we know nothing beyond the written recommendation that every applicant for admission is required to produce. In dealing with characters and dispositions so varied, much care and tact are required, but under the superintendence of our good matron, Mrs. Cochrane, harmony and good feeling have prevailed, and the success of the Home is in a great measure due to her judicious management. The regulation charge