

many kind friends who visit the "Home" every Sunday for the purpose of giving religious instruction to the children, and also to those who administer to their temporal wants by most generous donations from time to time of provisions of all kinds.

To the editors of the daily papers the managers are much indebted for the insertion of matters relating to the institution during the past year.

The Treasurer's annual statement of receipts and expenditure will be found annexed. From the accounts it will be seen that the total amount of moneys received by the collectors during the past year amounted to but \$1,590.25. This sum the managers are of opinion would be greatly increased were the public better acquainted with the good work accomplished by this charity. They bespeak, therefore, for their collectors in the coming autumn, subscriptions more in proportion with the wealth and size of the city.

It should be remembered that the duty of collecting money is an arduous one to the lady managers, and that cheerful giving, be the amount ever so small, facilitates the labour and encourages the labourer, and they would conclude by impressing on the citizens generally, that the smallest as well as the largest contributions will be very gratefully received.

MARIA A. TAYLOR,

Boys' Home, 3rd February, 1879.

Secretary.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. THORBURN then made his annual report, which stated that during the past year there has been an unusual amount of inflammatory disease, especially of the throat and lungs, among the inmates. There had been forty-five cases of croup and ulcerated throat; one little fellow succumbed to the former in December. The Doctor regretted to say that although much time and money had been expended in endeavouring to improve the ventilation and drainage of the building last autumn, only partial success had rewarded the efforts made, and he feared that the diseases alluded to were greatly aggravated by the defective drainage. He thought it useless to spend any more money in this direction, and suggested that the property be