

congregation. The Section has not been without these aids during the year. Contributions of material and money, little but many, have kept their minds easy, their hands busy and their hearts glad in this sacred work. By selling at lowest prices clothing for the poor after their free distribution was made they acquired a little means for commencing the work of a new year, and if members of the congregation would only send their large subscriptions to *their own* Dorcas Society the field of operation would be greatly widened and the strength of the church augmented.

The Section has been strongly reinforced for 1893, and is under the excellent convenership of Miss Smith, unanimously chosen for this position on the resignation of Miss McIver, who has rendered excellent service since the founding of the Guild, and who is still a working member of the Section.

The Hospital Section has the holiest and tenderest of christian work under its care, the visiting for purely religious purposes the afflicted inmates of the General Hospital and Rockwood Asylum. Very strengthening and comforting meetings have been held almost weekly at the Asylum during the year, and the ladies in charge have had much real gladness in their work. Through a feeling of timidity the workers in this portion of the field are not so numerous, and two or three very earnest young women, or not young, would be a great gain. The General Hospital has also been regularly visited for the purpose of reading to the sick the Holy Scriptures, holding religious conversation with them, and supplying little wants that are discovered. This last, however, has often had to be left undone, as private means alone could not fulfil all the great desires of the heart. Several times at the monthly meetings have regrets been expressed that they had to visit so often with empty hands. \$25 or \$50 would be riches to this Section, scatter fragrance over many a secret-place, and fill with pure joy the hearts of the visitors. And why should not this sweetness and gladness of heart not be?

It is reasonable to expect not only that some but that the larger part of the charity of the members of the church should flow through channels dug by those in authority in the congregation, and highly approved by it. Miss Hudgeons, who succeeded Miss Dickson last year, and has been unremitting in her exertions, has been unanimously continued at the head of this Section, and the much appreciated services of a lady, not a member of St. Andrew's are, we are glad to say, to be continued throughout 1893.

The Blue Cross Section, in charge of Miss Annie Davidson, has not had much to do during the year. Perhaps this is the best report that