

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOME AND SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY.

The Committee of the Home and School of Industry, in presenting to the Public their Sixteenth Annual Report, are happy in being able to state, that since the removal of the School from Jurors to St. Antoine st., the anticipations of increased usefulness and comfort with which the last Report closed, have been in great measure realized; the number of children having increased from twenty-nine to thirty-eight; and notwithstanding the additional rent, and the diminution of the Government Grant, the Funds of the Institution are in a prosperous condition.

The Committee record, with gratitude to the Giver of all good, that they have received supplies from sources totally unexpected, and, as will be shown by the Treasurer's Report, the balance in hand is now larger than in any former year, being sufficient to defray the expenditure for several weeks to come.

Since the 27th of May last, eighteen children have left the Home, some having gone to service, others returned to their friends; twenty-four have been admitted, and, in addition, eighteen day scholars attend the weekly school, where they receive the elementary instruction of plain education.

The greater number of these children are very poor, and of those admitted into the Home as inmates, several have been rescued from extreme misery. Three little girls, in particular, whose father had left them, and whose mother was in the utmost destitution, have been for some months improving, and happy among their schoolmates. Two of these children were supplied with clothing from the Cathedral Clothing Society; and the mother, now in respectable service, is able to contribute to the maintenance of the youngest child.

The generality of the children being so poor, payment for board is received for very few, but the Committee feel, that the inability of the parents or friends to pay for their support, renders it more requisite to extend to these unfortunate little ones instruction and care. Eight very young children have lately been received into