

Dr. Rees, with whom the first idea of founding this Institution originated, gives every hope and prospect that the piece of land spoken of as being offered by him in the last year's report will soon be available to its revenue.

The Managers also call attention to the annual grant of the sum of £200 by the Government; in the obtaining of which grant, and the advantageous exchange above referred to, the Corporation are mainly indebted to the active exertions and zeal of the Rev. Dr. Lett.

The Managers have much pleasure in stating that the amount of the subscription list for the year now ending exceeds that of either of the preceding ones, and that the cause of such increase may be ascribed not only to the benevolence of the affluent of our community, but to the generosity of public bodies—the Freemasons and Fire Companies; by collections at sermons preached before the Orange brethren; and last, but not least, to the good feeling of our artizans and mechanics, who, when apprized that an additional story to the building (not contemplated in the original contract) was desired, nobly, kindly, and cheerfully responded to the appeal by each contributing the produce of half-a-day's labour in the promotion of so good a cause; and, indeed, the aid afforded by all classes of our community fully demonstrates the fact, that no other appeal is necessary to the good and worthy than to mention the cause of the destitute Orphan.

The Managers would also pay a tribute of respect to the memory of one whom it has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to remove from their councils by the hand of Death—they allude to their late lamented Treasurer, Mrs. Lett, whose earnest activity in the cause she had undertaken will be long remembered, and whose kindness to the children was truly maternal.

The Managers also consider their warmest thanks are due to those benevolent friends amongst our merchants, tradesmen, and other individuals who have presented donations in kind—viz., clothing, meat, bread, vegetables, &c.—also to several gentlemen who have kindly bestowed some useful and ornamental articles to the Home of considerable value, amongst which may be mentioned—a handsome emblematical picture, presented by F. Widder, Esq.; a bust of Her Majesty, with casts and statuette, by Dr. Rees; a cast, by Mr. Frank Joseph; a handsome flag—the material given by J. Hutchison, Esq., and gratuitously made by Mr. Adams, Front-street; an excellent bath, by Mr. Harding, plumber.

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