

who have prospered in life, since under her care. Miss Armstrong continues to take a deep interest in the school, which is under the control of the Public School Board.

Feeling that it was advisable, the Committee of Council and the Solicitor of the Home, transferred the mortgage from the North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Coy., and arranged a loan from the trustees of the late Hon. Wm. McMaster's estate for \$18,600.00 at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for ten years, thereby reducing the interest, which is satisfactory considering that it takes about \$9,000 per annum to carry on the work of the Home, although the average cost per inmate per day is but 14 cents according to the official returns.

Mr. William Gooderham kindly said he would give \$1,000 towards reducing the debt if nine others could be found to do the same. When the gauntlet of charity is thus thrown down it would be cheering to see the nine, or even more, hastening to take it up.

Mr. Samuel Taylor has again generously contributed \$200 to the building fund, and the following legacies were gratefully received:—Miss Ellen Denison, \$50; Mrs. Franklin, of Streetsville, \$200.

Santa Claus did not forget the children. They were also remembered by Mr. Wm. Gooderham sending \$50 towards Christmas cheer.

In February a ball was held in the Pavilion, many ladies and gentlemen most kindly acting as patronesses and stewards, the total results of which, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$706.21 for the benefit of the Home.

At Easter some thoughtful supporters contributed three cases of eggs, which were greatly enjoyed by the little people.

A visit was received from the Prentice Boys in the early spring, and later on from the country Orangemen came 57 bags of apples, potatoes and other vegetables, in response to the suggestion of their Grand Master. The Lady Managers also wish to acknowledge the sum of \$393.14 received during the year from the Loyal Orange Lodges.

About the children who have been placed out, the greater number appear to be doing *well*. It will not be out of place here to give an extract from a letter written last month by a gentleman who had taken an interest in two boys:—

"I hope the boys may give satisfaction to those who have taken them, and I, for one, am thankful for such places as your Home. These boys would certainly have been ruined if allowed to go on as they were doing. If their young lives have been turned into a channel for good, the care and money expended on them will be well spent."