

The School-room, the overcrowding of which was alluded to last year, has not yet been enlarged, and this has augmented the difficulties which the teaching of pupils of such divers stages of advancement necessarily involves. Miss McKee has, however, been painstaking and uncomplaining, and we feel that improved accommodation which would greatly facilitate her labour, and also afford better ventilation, is no more than her due, and that of her little pupils. A scheme for the erection of a new school-room is already under way, and will doubtless be undertaken early in the Spring.

We lost last year a dear and valued friend and constant visitor, one whose memory will always be cherished among us; and perhaps it would be well in this connection to refer to the resolution which was unanimously adopted at the Meeting held on the seventeenth of September: "That we desire to record our sense of the great loss this Institution has suffered, in the removal by death of Mr. William Gooderham. For many years he has been a most generous friend to the Home, and though his gifts have been large, he has aided us even more by his personal interest in the welfare of the children, and his words of encouragement to the members of the Board. Though we mourn his loss as it affects ourselves, we rejoice in the assurance that he has been called to a rich reward by that Master whom he so faithfully served." Mr. Gooderham was with us at the last Annual Meeting, and his short address on that occasion was cheering and helpful. His munificent bequest of ten thousand dollars, will form an additional memorial of his sympathetic interest.

There has been very little sickness in the Home this year, owing to the constant attention of Dr. Wishart, and the vigilance of our excellent Matron, Mrs. Bright.

Mrs. McGee still conducts the Sunday School, and Dr. Saunders and Venerable Archdeacon Boddy have weekly talks with the children.

The difficulty long experienced by all philanthropic workers of helping children, owing to the persistent claims of shiftless and incompetent guardians, has in some measure been overcome through the "Act for the protection of neglected children," under which the

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