

There were in the "Home" at the last annual meeting, forty-one inmates. Since that time forty-three have been admitted, twenty-eight discharged or claimed by relatives, thirteen placed out, leaving at this date forty-three. Of these, eighteen are boys, twenty girls, and five women. In all eighty-four have received the benefits of this Institution during the past year. The total number of days stay of all the inmates for the year ending September 30th, 1873, as shown by the Returns to Government at that time, was 12,509.

The health of the inmates has been on the whole good, though there were two very severe cases of fever in the early part of the year, and in connection with this the Committee would mention, with special thanks, the kindness of Dr. Malloch, the attending Physician, to whose unremitting attention during this illness, united with the careful nursing which the little patients received, the ladies feel that under Providence the favorable termination of this disease was due.

* Mrs. Longley, the Matron, still continues the oversight of the Home, and the Committee attribute very much of the successful working of the Institution for the past year, to her excellent management in household affairs. They also retain the valuable services of Miss Simms, who fills the place of teacher with most painstaking fidelity.

The Treasurer's Report, which will be presented at this meeting, shows that the Receipts to December 31st, were \$2,169 80; Expenditure, \$1,594 51; Balance \$1,975 78. In considering this large balance, it must always be borne in mind, that the general subscriptions are taken up at the end of the year, and that the amount now on hand must furnish the means for meeting the expenses of the current year.

Grants have been received from the Local Legislature of \$480, and from the County Council of \$50. With the exception of the money received from these two sources, the Institution is entirely dependent for its support on the voluntary gifts of friends.

In April last, the funds of the Institution were augmented through the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Lachlin Taylor, who gave, for the benefit of the Home, his interesting lecture on the Holy Land. The amount realized by this lecture, after all expenses were paid, was \$113 50.