

The managers also feel that the many pleasant days' outings the boys enjoyed on the steamer *Waterdown*, through the kind thoughtfulness of Capt. Jackman, went far to strengthen and invigorate them during the trying heat of last summer.

The defective state of the drainage and the absence of the necessary modern improvements in the building, lead the managers to think that the time is not far distant when, if the institution is to be maintained in a high state of efficiency, and a constant increase of numbers to continue as heretofore, the present Home will have to be abandoned for one better suited to modern sanitary requirements. The managers believe that this could be accomplished without the expenditure of a great amount of fresh capital, were the present building and land surrounding it, now such valuable property for city purposes, sold to advantage, and a new building erected in a more salubrious situation and on higher ground.

In the spring of last year the funds of the institution were so low that the managers could not contemplate without deep concern and anxiety the six months that must elapse before the annual contributions could be solicited. With the assistance of kind friends a popular entertainment was held in the Grand Opera House for the benefit of the institution, the net proceeds of which amounted to \$477.14. The managers would take this opportunity of publicly thanking the ladies and gentlemen, and even children, who devoted so much time to ensure the success of the entertainment. While grateful for the assistance thus timely rendered, it is, they think, however, to be regretted that so necessary and deserving a charity found it imperative to make use of these means to replenish their exhausted exchequer.

The managers desire to gratefully acknowledge the handsome bequest of \$400 under the will of the late Mr. John McBean; also the sums of \$100 from Lieut.-Col. Ozowski, \$50 from Mr. Samuel Alcorn, and \$50 from Mr. James Lesslie. To Dr. Thorburn they are also deeply indebted for his unremitting kindness and attention to the inmates of the "Home" during the past year. Many thanks are also offered to the Rev. Mr. Rainsford for the bountiful treat he provided for the boys at his own house on Hallowe'en.

The committee feel that special acknowledgments are due to the