

Although Mrs. Stancliffe's name appears on the list of office-bearers as Secretary, she was unable to fill the post as such owing to her departure for, and stay in, England for the winter; which was a cause of much regret to the Committee, and Miss Cross was asked to take the office until her return. We have also to notice the unavoidable absence of our Second Directress, Mrs. Chaffee, who was prevented from being in her accustomed place during the winter, through sickness and affliction in her family, and whose energetic and untiring exertions in the work were much missed.

Twenty-four meetings have been held during the winter, on the Thursday instead of Tuesday as formerly, from 2 till 4 p.m., in the Vestry; the Rector having kindly suggested the change of room, as being warmer and better lighted than the one above where the Ladies had previously met. The average attendance of workers at these meetings has been 25, an increase of one on last year; which have been opened with prayer each week by the Rev. Mr. Renaud, the Rector having another engagement on that day.

All the material cut out by the Committee was made up into warm and comfortable clothing, which has proved a source of blessing to many a one who had not the means to procure such for themselves.

If the Ladies who have so kindly devoted their time and thoughts to making so many comfortable, could but see the gratitude depicted on some of the faces, they would consider themselves amply rewarded. Of course, there are cases where these gifts are accepted by the recipients as their right, and consider they are doing the Society an honor by deigning to wear them; but, we are thankful to state, such cases are few.

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank several members of the congregation, who so kindly responded to the appeal made by the Rector for warm clothing at the beginning of the season, and their names are here added, that they may see their generosity and thoughtfulness is appreciated. Among the number we may mention:—Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. W. Buchanan, Mr. J. G. Mackenzie, Mrs. Jack Allan, Mrs. M. H. Gault, Mrs. Claxton, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Sanborn, Mrs. Murray, Miss Bancroft, Mrs. Skelton, Miss J. Bridge, Miss Gibb, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Idler, Miss C. Badgley, Mr. Browne, Mrs. Bagg, and others whose names did not appear.

Fifty-nine families were supplied with warm garments, at different times, during the winter. 73 yards of wincey, 40 yards of flannel,