

Forty-nine men, thirty-four women, nineteen boys and six girls; further that a good female teacher has been provided for the children, who attend school regularly.

Many of these inmates it should be noticed are aged and infirm, and hardly fit for any kind of work.

One of the greatest difficulties experienced by the Board, and one which as yet they see little prospect of obviating even when the Country House has been established, is that of finding out-door employment adequate and suitable for the male inmates. Stone breaking is almost the only employment that can be procured, and that can only be undertaken during the inclement season of the year, by those of robust health who are able to stand the exposure to cold. To this end a quantity of stone has been procured during the winter, and the labour task being imposed upon the "casual" inmates, had the effect of sending away a number of those who declined to work for their breakfast in the morning.

There is much less difficulty about work in the Female Department, as the Ladies' Industrial Committee have been able to provide employment for the families of applicants at their own homes, and for all such inmates as were capable of undertaking it.

Their Report will show that the most important function of providing employment for the Female inmates and many other offices connected with their maintenance and well being, besides the personal superintendence of the Children's School, have been performed by the Ladies' Industrial Committee with efficiency and success.

It will be seen by the report of the Finance Committee that there has been received during the past year the sum of \$23,865.42, thus composed:—

Various Instalments.....	\$14,825.00
Annual Subscriptions.....	175.00
New Subscription and various Donations.....	2,861.93
Sundry sums for Interest, &c.....	516.66
Proceeds of the Marsteller Estate...	5,486.83
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The Report further shows that the arrears of Instalments still due amount to \$10,510, but from this must be deducted \$2,650 paid since the figures were made up. There still, therefore, remains a balance of arrears, amounting to \$7,860, and of this a considerable portion is in the hands of a few persons who still refuse payment. The balance due on March 31st, with the fourth Instalment, due 1st Nov. next, and the above arrears, amounts to \$29,510, and the amounts invested in Bonds and other Securities is \$16,600. The total expenditure for the year is put down in the detailed statement at \$7,289.72 and when from this we deduct all charges for extras, balance of accounts, repairs, &c., the sum for house maintenance will be found very small.

An appeal was made by the Board during the past year to such as had not hitherto subscribed, hoping thereby to raise a fund sufficient for the erection of the Country House, which it was decided to build on the farm bequeathed by the late Thomas Molson, Esq.

This hope has been disappointed, for instead of the \$20,000 so confidently expected, the subscription only amounts to \$5,500.

Under these circumstances the Board did not feel warranted in proceeding with the building until a farther sum had been raised, or until they had sufficient surplus of funds that could be legitimately used for that purpose, the forty per cent allowed by the Act being absorbed by the present site and buildings.

The Board has been for some time in treaty for the sale of the vacant lot in Bleury Street, and should the negotiation be completed a considerable sum will thus be realized for permanent investment. These lots were offered for sale at Public Auction but subsequently withdrawn, and thanks are due to Mr. Arnton for his gratuitous services on that occasion. It is hoped that at the close of the current year the Board will be enabled to make an exact statement of the funds of the Institution, showing the amount then at their disposal for investment and building purposes. We would further notice that various important improvements have been effected during the past year. Clothing of a uniform character has been, and continues to be provided under the direction of the Ladies' Committee. Two large Baths have recently been placed in the basement, supplied with hot and cold water, and are in daily use with the most salutary results.

The Board would call to your notice the reports of the visiting surgeon, Dr. Tew, of the General Hospital, whose valuable services given gratuitously they have much pleasure in acknowledging.

The thanks of the Board are also tendered to Messrs. Rose and Ritchie and Messrs. Gibb and Hunter for their gratuitous services and advice. They desire also to record their appreciation of the services of the Secretary, Mr. Brown, whose duties, much increased by the distribution of the out-door relief, have been laborious and incessant.

The duties of the Matron have also been performed with zeal and fidelity. It is confidently hoped when the organization of the House has been more systematised the function of its officers will become less onerous and harassing.

It will be seen by the subscription list in the Finance Report that the following gentlemen are qualified for Life Governors, and have been put in the list accordingly:—J. G. Mackenzie, Esq.; John Torrance, Esq.; Robert Muir, Esq.; Thomas Morland, Esq.; and that the following gentlemen are qualified for Elective Governors by donations of \$100 each:—William Sache, Esq.; Walter Benny, Esq.; Thomas Rimmer, Esq.; J. W. Hopkins, Esq.; Frederick Law-

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