

and very many little ones, below the required age, have had to be admitted, making the lack of a nursery seriously felt ; but yet, in spite of the presence of these babies in the Home, no fatal illness has occurred, excepting one case, and that the result of inflammatory rheumatism, contracted before the boy was admitted.

The total number of inmates during the past year, including those in residence on the 1st of January, 1891, was 167. Of these, 59 were removed by parents ; 12 have been sent to situations ; and 1 died ; leaving 95 boys in residence, December 31st, 1891. Of the 12 sent to situations, 8 have retained their places, 3 are still on probation, and 1 has been returned to the Home, too homesick for his employers to keep him any longer.

There are, at the present time, 42 boys with farmers, in different parts of the country, serving their terms of apprenticeship until eighteen years of age. In order to bind these boys a little more closely to their old home, the Lady Managers, in turn, make it their duty to write to one or more of them occasionally. Sometimes the replies to these letters of the "Godmothers" (as the Managers have been called in this connection) are very characteristic. The following will serve as an example :—

DUNSFORD, Feb. 15th, 1892.

DEAR MRS. —,—I was glad to hear from both you and the Home. I was not acquainted with you when I was in the Home. I was well pleased with the little present you sent me. You will please excuse me for not writing you sooner, as I was about starting school and I waited to see how I would get along. I am getting along well ; I am in the third book and had to get a new set of books all through. We have a nice teacher, Miss Pattyson. I wrote to Miss McKay the day after I arrived here, and got no answer. I got one letter from my mother, in answer to one I sent shortly after I came. I wrote her a few days before Christmas, but received no answer ; I don't know whether she has