

made arrangements for spending the winter in Bermuda, it was decided to ask Mrs. John Farley to act as a substitute for her, until her return.

Mrs. Farley was present on the occasion as Treasurer of the True Blues' Orphans' Fund, and handed the sum of fifty dollars to Mrs. Cowan, for the benefit of the Home. Two children named Kinsman, whose father was an Orangeman, were received from Galt at this time. The Lady Erne Lodge sent three barrels of apples, cakes, candies, etc., to the children, which were much appreciated.

A communication having been received from Mr. Waste, Superintendent Public Schools, in reference to the care and fuel for the new school in the grounds, the First Directress called upon him, in answer; the final result being that the Board of Public Schools agreed to provide a Caretaker and fuel at their own expense. The closing exercises in the old school room, and the opening of the new, were very interesting functions. The Lady Managers, teachers and the children express themselves as being very much pleased with the new school, and grateful to the Public School Board for their kindness in putting up such a commodious and well finished building. A picture of the Home is to be sent to the Columbian Exposition, Chicago. Through Dr. Roseburgh, having asked for Delegates to attend the Prisoner's Aid Convention, Mrs. John Cawthra, Mrs. Austen, Mrs. Hope and the Secretary were named, and found the proceedings most interesting.

The Management have received during the past year a bequest from the late Mr. Eastwood, \$100; from Miss Margaret McTavish, \$100; Mrs. John McNab, \$300; Mrs. Eagle's special bequest, \$200; also the handsome sum of \$1,100, being the proportion of the residue of Mrs. Eagle's estate, awarded by the Master in Chancery. Mr. S. Taylor has, with his usual kindness, sent us \$100 again this year. As the late Mr. William Gooderham's munificent legacy has all been paid, and a release given to the Trustees for the same, the two last portions of \$2,500 each, have been invested, at a small interest, to be in readiness for the reduction of the debt on the building; but as the last portion was received, also that of Mrs. MacNab, after the Treasurer's books were closed, no mention could be made of them, in the accounts for this year.

The Lady Managers sincerely trust that as the debt will then be reduced to \$7,000, the public will generously help them to pay it off altogether.

The Lady Managers wish to express their continued satisfaction with their excellent matron, Miss Wheelright, who has been in that position for more than 23 years. Also to thank