

have been good results of applying the principle of the words of the Saviour as to forgiveness "Until seventy times seven." How also to adjust and balance the claims and advantages, sometimes conflicting as they seem to be, of this and other institutions, to meet the best interests of cases as they arise of varied class and character is also difficult. Nor is any rule applied in these cases. Wisdom and grace are needed, and these, it is believed, are sought and obtained, and lead to the best results. It is therefore more a work of faith and labor of love, than of organization machinery and rules: though it is hoped that good judgment is applied.

A number of confinements, sometimes of necessity owing to the Lying-in-Hospital being closed, and in other cases by arrangement, have occurred here, and the services in this respect of Drs. Trenholme, F. W. Campbell, Bessey, Reed and Nelson are gratefully acknowledged. Several other medical men have attended in special cases which had been arranged previously by themselves. Dr. Nelson by his donation of \$50 has become a member of the Society, and Dr. Reed with a donation of \$10 writes—"Please accept the enclosed trifle for the Home from one who has seen the admirable management of the Institution."—These number 26 this year. There was one death from fever, which happily did not affect others. This has been the only death in the Home during the five years, though there have been 32 cases of child-birth. Indeed the health of the inmates has been remarkable. So also is their good conduct and their kindness generally to each other. There have been exceptions; but the wonder is that the Home itself and its retired street are so orderly and quiet. All these are ways in which we have to recognize God's gracious care of this Home.

The scarcity of domestic servants and the high wages offered draw many out too soon—the demand and high wages offered for wet nurses are a temptation to girls to go out in that capacity, whose reformation would be better accomplished if they stayed longer in the Home.

Sometimes women are sent out usefully for a few weeks or more when required in special exigencies in families. The following letter is from a gentleman in whose house one of the inmates spent a month as nurse.