

results is by more earnest believing prayer and faithful teaching. Our loving Saviour has promised to bless all those who trust in Him. He has, we are deeply thankful to say, blessed our feeble efforts in the past; He *will* bless those in the future. Let us only be more earnest in working, while at the same time we exercise a stronger belief in His willingness to save—and be more self-denying.

The number of inmates in the Home 1st January, 1876, was 21—admitted since, 62. Of these 20 were sent to service—3 were sent to friends—15 left of their own accord—1 died—4 sent to Lying-in-Hospital—4 to General Hospital, leaving 36 in the Home, 1st January, 1877.

Of those sent to service, a larger proportion than usual have been, and are doing well. Of those sent to friends, one was the eldest in a most respectable family in Scotland, and letters from her father have been received, full of gratitude for restoring to him “his first born,” who had been “lost but now found.” She who died had been many years in the Home, but had also been out at service three different times, always giving satisfaction, and only returning on account of ill health. After much and prolonged suffering, she passed away “in the sure and certain hope of a blessed resurrection.” Those sent to Lying-in-Hospital are doing well in service. Good news continues to come to us from one and another in different parts of the country, as well as from the city; while little presents, such as a braided pincushion, from one in Sarnia, two pretty groups of flowers with glass shades, from another—and one came all the way from Scotland—testify to the kind feeling and gratitude felt towards the Matron. And a subscription of four dollars to the Home from another is but the same feeling expressed in a different form.

The amount earned by the inmates this year is \$1,109.11.

We can but reiterate what we have said in many former reports, that the Matron, Mrs. Aiken, continues to give us entire satisfaction, her influence for good over the inmates increasing as year succeeds year.

We tender our grateful thanks to those gentlemen who so kindly and earnestly attend to the religious instruction of the inmates, and also to our worthy medical attendant, Dr. Geikie.

Our debt on the new premises is now only \$1,500, and an old and valued friend to the Home, Mr. Alcorn most generously lent us that sum, in order to pay off the mortgage, which bore a very heavy interest, and accepted a simple promise to pay the principal whenever we can, in the meantime only charging us 6 per cent. Many thanks to him, and to all our valued friends, whom we shall not fail to visit during the present year.