

number of boys that we can conveniently lodge at one time is thirty-five, and at that date there were thirty-five in the Home. Our resources have sometimes been overstrained, and this building is becoming sadly inadequate to our needs. As yet, however, we see no prospect of being able to build in the near future.

We have the best means of knowing that many of the boys who are now receiving wholesome Christian instruction here would have been under degrading influences had we not done something for them. Many have shown marked improvement in character since coming to the Home, and much of this is due to the personal influence of the Superintendent and Mrs. Smith. Their efforts to reach and help the boys have been unsparing. To ensure steady teaching a night school has been established in the Home, and it has been found that the boys are willing and eager to attend it. The brass band, too, has proved an unfailing means of amusement and instruction. The members of the band have now a neat uniform, which greatly adds to their appearance, and it is pleasing to note that this uniform has been paid for by the earnings of the band in giving public entertainments.

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