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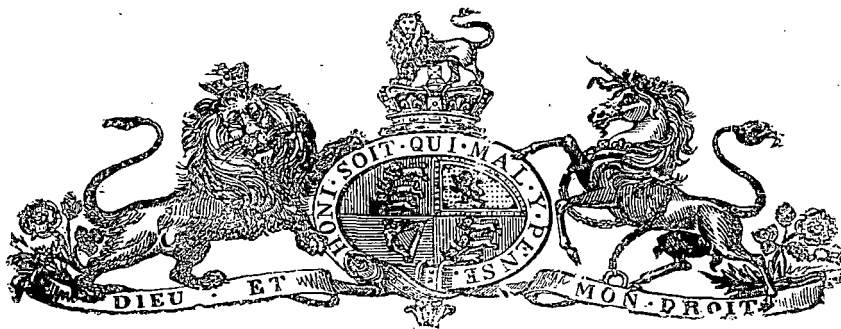
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SIR,

THE Twenty-third Annual Report of our School records that our Institution still occupies its position as a means of caring for and raising the unfortunate children who are destitute of a parent's care, and is continuing its good work; and its inmates, though principally of tender years, are, under its fostering care, able to contribute largely, for them, towards their own support, and the Matron and her helpers are to be congratulated upon the result obtained.

The numbers have slightly increased since last year's meeting, and six of the girls have left for service, and it is to be hoped that they may become useful in their particular sphere of life.

At the commencement of the year five of the children were attacked with typhoid fever, and were immediately removed to the General Hospital as a precautionary measure, and when convalescent it was thought desirable that they should have a change of air before returning to the Institution. Thanks to a generous donor of £20, they were enabled to spend three weeks at Bellerive under the charge of their teacher, and returned to the school thoroughly restored to health, and since then the general health of the children has been good.

Mr. Chas. Atkins, the late bus proprietor, left a legacy to the school of £150 16s. 7d., which has been duly paid by the trustee; and the thanks of the Committee are due to the anonymous donors, the late Chas. Atkins, and to Mr. Bland Holt, the tragedian, (a donor of £38 1s. 2d.), for their kindly thought of the inmates of the school, and also to those who have so liberally contributed donations of fruit and vegetables, and also to those who have entertained the children.

As the Government have been wanting to resume occupancy of the present building for military purposes, it was thought desirable that new premises should be secured as soon as possible; and the Ladies' Committee having had "Kensington House" offered to them by Messrs. Butler, M'Intyre, and Butler, for the sum of £2650, it was resolved that a meeting of the donors and subscribers should be summoned to consider the purchase. A meeting was therefore called on Friday, September 4, (Sir Lambert Dobson in the chair), to consider the proposal, and it was unanimously proposed, seconded, and carried, that the trustees that were appointed at that meeting should be empowered to purchase and make all arrangements for payment of the same from the Capital Fund.

The Hon. Premier has had inserted on the estimates for the year the sum of £700 for necessary alterations to the building to fit it for the purposes of the School, and it is the intention of the Committee to remove to their new premises as soon as the necessary alterations have been completed, and this will be, in all probability, about the end of the year.

At the meeting held on September 4, a new constitution was adopted, as some doubts had arisen as to the legality of the former one.

