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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1890.

THE Governors and Committee have great pleasure in again submitting their Annual Report, and in stating that the routine of the School has gone on during the year without serious interruption.

Every effort is made to keep in touch with the girls after they leave the Institution, and we continue to receive good reports of many of those who are placed at service; but have also occasion to grieve over others who are not doing so well as we had reason to expect.

The health of the children has been excellent throughout the year—but few cases of illness having occurred, and these not of a serious character.

The School-room work has been re-arranged on State School lines under the guidance of Mr. Masters, Inspector of Schools, who has several times inspected the School and examined the children. The Sunday and Week-day Bible Classes have also been regularly held.

We are glad to be able to report that the Institution is now practically free of debt, the mortgage having been paid off in August last. Our thanks are specially due to the subscribers to this fund, and also to the Government for having secured for us the Parliamentary vote of £1000, and a vote of £25 per annum on account of Teacher's salary. We trust that the continued liberality of the public will entirely prevent the recurrence of any burden of debt.

Our thanks are tendered to Dr. Hallows for gratuitous medical attendance, to Mr. Hall, dentist, to those who conduct the Bible Classes, and to the numerous other friends who never tire of showing their interest by most acceptable gifts of all sorts, and by providing the children with holiday treats.

The Matron (Miss Beard) and her sister are still in charge of the School, and we are happy to state that their zeal in the work, and their capable management, are as worthy of commendation as ever.

Every year confirms us more and more in the belief that this Home is doing a great and useful work—in the prevention of crime, and the training to good and useful lives of those whose lot was cast among most unfavourable circumstances. We feel that it is by the good hand of our God upon us that our labours have so far prospered, and we look to the same source for help for the future.

Number of girls in the School, January 1, 1890	...	31
Admitted during the year	8
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Left for service	7
Remaining 31st December, 1890	32
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For Governors and Committee,

F. STANFIELD.

