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THIS School is about entering upon the seventh year of its existence, and so may fairly be regarded as no longer of a tentative character, but rather as an established institution.

The work of the year has not been carried on without some difficulty and much anxiety. The children have been more restless than usual, and some have needed watching over with more than ordinary care. During the year six girls have been admitted, and six have gone to service. Two of these, whose term had expired, left the School of their own accord—very much against the wish of Governors and Committee—and obtained situations for themselves; as far as we can ascertain, however, they are in respectable places and conducting themselves to the satisfaction of their employers. The remaining four girls have been placed in situations. Of these, one has been compelled to leave her place in consequence of ill-health, and is now an inmate of the Hospital; the others may fairly be regarded as started in life, and have now the opportunity of earning for themselves a respectable living. The girls who were apprenticed from the School two and three years since continue to give satisfaction to their employers, and are gaining such a good name for themselves as to reflect credit on the institution where they received their training. The number remaining in the School is 18.

During the past two or three months we have suffered much inconvenience in consequence of having to remove the School to other premises. We were successful in securing a large and commodious house in the centre of the town, and now that certain necessary repairs have been effected there exists greater facilities for carrying on the work of the School.

The Committee have made very strenuous efforts during the year for the purpose of largely augmenting our Building Fund, particulars of which are attached to this Report; and it is to be hoped that, at no very distant date, we shall be able to erect suitable buildings of our own. We trust that the sympathy that has recently been awakened in this town on behalf of a similar effort in England will react very beneficially on our own local institution.

Your Committee desire to express their very sincere thanks to the friends who have so liberally supported, not only this Building Fund, but also the fund for carrying on the general work of the School.

Our best thanks are due to Dr. Hardy for his continued interest in the School, and for the readiness with which he always gives his professional services; to Mr. L. A. Wells, dentist, who has rendered valuable gratuitous services; to those friends who, with such thoughtful liberality, have from time to time supplied fruit and vegetables to the institution; and to other friends, for pictures and books for the library.

We are pleased to report that a "Band of Hope" has been formed in connection with the School, and all the girls have become members of the same. This may appear to some but a small matter, yet we are satisfied that too much importance cannot be attached to the principle of training the young in habits of total abstinence; and if these girls remain true to the pledge thus made while young it cannot fail to exercise a most important and beneficial influence on their after life.

