

an efficient remedy applied, if the late act of the Legislature be carried faithfully into effect; the first section of the sixth chapter of which provides that all youths between six and nineteen years of age are entitled to free instruction, and the sixth section imposes a penalty if any child under fourteen years of age be not permitted to attend some public or private school at least three months in every year.

Music is still made a prominent object in our system of instruction. It is pleasant to notice in the letters of the children who have left the House, how often they refer to their musical acquirement with pride. Some speak of their belonging to Church choirs, and others of their taking parts in the home circle where music is cultivated; while others ask for their "Oriola" to keep up their knowledge of the tunes taught them while inmates; while others again return their hearty thanks to Mrs. LINCOLN and Professor DEEMS for the instruction received, and which they discover and mention with pardonable egotism, as acquirements in which they meet with no successful rivals of their own age.

The performances of the band secured for them invitations to visit Washington and Philadelphia, at which places they have given public concerts within the past year. Several of its members who had left the House obtained situations in military bands—one as leader during the late war. Our early confidence in the success and humanizing influence of music as a part of the system of education in a reformatory School has in no way been disappointed.

The House of Refuge is still under the superintendence of Mr. WILLIAM R. LINCOLN, of whose administration it is not necessary to add anything to our former acknowledgments of the many qualities he possesses as an efficient officer. In the performance of his various and arduous duties he has been well sustained by his subordinates, male and female. To all, the Board cheerfully award their thanks.

In conclusion, the Board may be permitted to add, that during the past four years, and amid the general harassments, a doubt of their ability to meet the increased demands for admittance into the Refuge, and the consequent increased means of maintenance, has now and then flitted like a cloud-shadow across their path. Through the liberal bestowments of the State Legislature and of the City Council, there is abundant reason, however, for thankfulness that all has passed off well, and their appropriate work of peaceful beneficence has been performed without serious hindrance, and attended by no diminution of confidence in the utility of their