

REPORT OF GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the School and Chapel Committee of the House of Refuge:

GENTLEMEN:

At the commencement of another year, I have the honor of presenting you my annual report of the school under my care.

In doing so, candor compels me to acknowledge, that the school is not so flourishing as it was at the time of my last report.

This you will readily account for after having examined the following statistics:

No. in attendance January 1, 1865.....	50
“ admitted during the year.....	20
“ returned.....	5
“ discharged.....	40
“ now in attendance.....	35

This exhibit shows that a large proportion of those who were in the House at the commencement of the year, have left us; and as you are aware that in putting out girls, we select those whose mental and moral qualifications stand the fairest, you will not be surprised at the fact I have stated.

Of the 35 now in the school, all can read with more or less fluency; 32 write in copies; 26 are taught arithmetic; 17 study geography, and 3 study grammar.

For the attainments of those received and discharged, I refer you to Table 9, Superintendent's report.

We feel, however, that there is another cause besides the one we have referred to that has been rather unfavorable to the best interests of the School—it is the frequent return of large girls to the Institution. Such are generally reckless, unwilling to be controlled, or to conform to the rules and regulations necessary for the proper management and discip-