

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

Of this institution and its patrons your Committee feel they cannot speak in terms of too much praise, under the management of charitable ladies and gentlemen, who devote much of their time and means to benefit the "little waifs of humanity," who truly find a "Home," the noble charity is admirably conducted, and seems indeed to be a "Sweet Home" for and to those whose misfortunes have debared them from knowing any other, and your Committee earnestly recommend you to grant an appropriation sufficiently ample to enable the good hearted managers to erect a suitable building on an adjoining lot already secured for boys, who are now necessarily associated in the same building with the girls; and to secure the permanency and efficiency of this "Heaven born Charity."

The character of this Institution appeals to every generous, every Christian heart, and its admirable management challenges the approbation of every lover of humanity. To see gathered into this Home, the friendless little ones, who without this intervention would have been reared in misery, and lapped in crime, to observe the cheerful industry with which the little beneficiaries perform their several tasks of household engagement; their application in the school room under faithful instructors, the various little labors of household handicraft in which they are engaged—the glad songs and hymns which beguile their labors, would cheer the heart and awaken the dormant affections of the veriest Misanthrope, and remove from the brow of care, the wrinkles ploughed by contact with the selfishness of earth. At the meals, to see these little ones enter the dining room in procession, their faces wearing smiles, and when assembled around the well provided board, with their little hands clasped and heads bowed in grateful thankfulness to God, the giver of all good for the provision made for them, to witness this, almost clothes the sorrows and privations of humanity with beauty, and illustrates the grandeur of Christian beneficence, in the ample protection afforded to the destitute; and to the Philanthropic, to whose munificent donation, the institution is indebted for its foundation, it assures the blessing of Him, who has said