

redeemable for the sum of sixteen hundred and sixty-six dollars, remains on the property, which we feel very desirous to pay (should our friends enable us so to do) during the coming year. Our agent, Wm. C. Palmer, has continued his efficient and faithful labors on our behalf. He has made several trips through the State of Maryland, to place children in their homes, and to visit those already located, besides going once into Pennsylvania.

The Northern Central Railroad and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, most liberally gave our agent and children free passage over their roads, and the steamboats on the bay have reduced the usual fare in our favor. This liberality is of most important advantage to us, and the expenses of sending our children to their country homes, is thus greatly reduced.

A large correspondence has been kept up with our children, by which we believe as much certainty has been attained in regard to their welfare, as could reasonably have been expected. We have full and accurate accounts of every child under our care, which are so recorded and arranged, that reference can readily be made to them at any time.

As already stated, enlarged experience has enabled us to increase the efficiency of the management of the important trust committed to us, and we rejoice in believing that many boys and girls under our care, are now in the enjoyment of the privileges and comforts of real home life, protected, cared for, and trained to usefulness, who, without the aid of our Society, would have swelled the ranks of the vicious and unruly, for whose safe keeping, jails and penitentiaries are erected at such an expense to the community.

The city has continued its appropriations of one thousand dollars. The State also gave us one thousand dollars, the benefits of which to each are incalculable, taking as we do, children from the sinks and purlieus of the city, and placing them in good homes in the country, where their labor and skill will be invaluable, as they grow in years and experience. We also acknowledge with gratitude the response which our citizens have made to the necessities of our work. For the condition of our finances, we refer to the Treasurer's Report, which is annexed.

Our Collector, Mr. Solomon O'Bryon, for whom we beg a favorable reception, will prosecute his useful labors on our behalf, during the coming year.

Our acknowledgments are again due to our matron, for the faithful and efficient care of the children while in our "Home."

Those who have aided us in any way have our most sincere thanks.

A statement of receipts and donations accompany this report.