

it worthy of a blessed promise, if even a cup of water be given in His name to one of these little ones.

To all, whether Ministers or Sabbath school teachers, who have so kindly labored with us in this good work, we desire to render our acknowledgments, and when our duty shall have been performed, and these children shall go out again into the world, better prepared, as we hope, to battle with its temptations and to evade its snares, the influence of their Refuge home, we trust will follow them, and be not without its saving results, and cause many when they shall have grown into womanhood and manhood, to bless God for the living words of truth here inculcated by preacher and teacher.

And here we must not forget also to mention the valuable services of Prof. Root, who continues, as in years past, to give gratuitous regular weekly lessons in singing. To the lady of the Superintendent the Board are also indebted for her voluntary and valuable assistance in the department, both in leading the Chapel services at the organ, and for her private instruction of the more proficient. All children delight in music; and with its gratification some truth at the same time can be stamped upon their impressible minds in measured words, it will scarcely be forgotten in mature age. As an accompaniment of the Sabbath services in its invaluable; and as the clear young voices of some two or three hundred children sing out in melodious unison their hymn of devotion, one is strongly reminded of the words of Luther, that "music lies very near to theology."

In the preparation of this report, we have confined, our remarks thus far, solely to business matters, but in closing, it becomes the painful duty of the Board to record the lamented loss of their late President, George Brown, Esq., whose death occurred on the 26th of August last. From the very commencement of our enterprize in 1849, he took an active interest in all that concerned its successful prosecution, and he freely devoted thought, labor and means, in aid of a work, which with him was of paramount value among the many benevolent institutions with which he was connected. By his high social position, his extended business reputation, the excellence of his general character and his ostentatious generosity, the Board were mainly able to secure that public recognition which has finally placed the Institution among the most favored in the State and city. Before his removal, it was his grateful lot to see this, his favorite work of humanity in successful operation. He so expressed himself frequently and with a reverent word of thankfulness to the good Providence that had blessed his sight with the happy consummation of the work to which he had so faithfully set his hand. Mingled with our regrets, however, we have not only