

July 5th, 1904, The Bissell House Association was incorporated and now has charge of the work.

Report of Bissell House Since 1898.

A Social Settlement.

Bissell House began its work as a social settlement October 10, 1897. Since that time it has grown and made its influence felt in other parts of the city as well as in its immediate neighborhood. Many clubs—social, literary and industrial—have been organized and successfully maintained. Educational and industrial classes have been formed and re-formed during the past six years. Clubs and classes help to give a more perfect outlook upon life, a clearer appreciation of its responsibilities, an opportunity for manual training and an education of the moral and intellectual nature—help in all these and other ways, but most of all they prove the “brotherhood of man,” which alone can solve the great social problems.

Entertainments and Social Gatherings.

It has been the desire of the house to give an entertainment once every month. Many musical and literary programs, athletic and stereopticon entertainments have been arranged for the people of the neighborhood, friends from all parts of the city generously responding when called upon. Some very successful entertainments have been presented by young people connected with the house through clubs or classes for the purpose of raising money for repairs or other necessities.

Pleasant Hour.

For two years a gathering, which was called the “Pleasant Hour,” was arranged for every Sunday afternoon at 4 o’clock. It consisted of musical numbers by the best talent in the city; also talks by prominent men. Last year these same meetings were held in the evenings on Sunday, from 7 to 8 o’clock. The general character remained the same.

New Year’s Day.

For the past six years it has been the custom to keep “open