

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
GIRLS' HOME, 1898.

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TIME in its rapid flight brings to the Managers of the Girls' Home the duty and the pleasure of presenting to their friends and subscribers the forty-second annual report of the Institution. It must necessarily be brief, as the incidents connected with the Home's work vary very little from year to year.

88 children were in residence October 1st, 1897. 45 admitted during the year. 58 discharged. 75 in residence October 1st, 1898. Average stay per child, $234\frac{1}{2}$ days. Total cost of maintenance, including all expenses connected with the Home, \$5,742.89, which gives the cost per day for each child at $18\frac{1}{3}$ cents.

All our children this year are from the City. Applications for admission have been received from different places throughout Ontario; but on learning that a fee is required, the applicants have not been heard from again.

The majority of the children now brought to us are of respectable parentage, and come in consequence of adverse circumstances; a mother going to the hospital for treatment, a widowed father, or one out of employment—these are some of the causes which bring crushed or broken-hearted parents to seek care and protection for their loved ones. In relieving them of their responsibilities for a while, the Management bears its portion of weight and care, and our Home becomes a refuge from anxiety.

We have had disappointments in some of our indentured girls, and from others good records have been received; on the whole, we have greater cause for thankfulness than regret. The increasing demand from districts where one of our girls has been placed, is proof to us that industry and integrity are being shown and valued. We regret that although our Indenture is sustained by the Court, it has given parents the right to know the address of the foster-home.