

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PROTESTANT INFANTS' HOME.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"No one shall work for money,
No one shall work for fame.
Only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame."

The Lady Managers of the Protestant Infants' Home, in presenting their Twenty-Eighth Annual Report, do so in the hope that their many kind friends who have so generously contributed to the support of the Home will feel that the funds entrusted to their care have been disbursed in such manner as to ensure the most good being attained.

There has been very little to mark this from preceding years. We have had our successes and our discouragements, such as are sure to be encountered in carrying on a work like ours, but we struggle bravely on, hoping with the Divine blessing to overcome all difficulties. At the beginning of the year just closed there were 52 children in the Home; 109 have since been admitted, making a total of 161. Of this number 69 have been removed by parents or friends, 1 transferred to the Orphan Asylum (he having attained the age of 5 years), 30 have died, and 61 remain in the Home. Of the total number of children received into the Home during the year, 5 were the children of widowers, 7 of widows, 17 with mothers sick in hospital, 4 with mothers in the asylum for insane, 21 were the children of deserted wives, 2 the children of parents unable to provide for them, 9 with one or both parents drunkards, 3 foundlings, and 41 were illegitimate; 28 women have been received in the Home during the year, and there they are busily employed in attending and caring for the little ones placed in their charge. When they are able to leave the Home, the ladies endeavor to secure situations for them or enable them to reach their friends.

We have been obliged to close the Home at different times during the year when chicken pox and then whooping cough, prevailed, consequently the number of children is not as large as it might otherwise be.