

ORPHANS' HOME

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In presenting to their friends and the public the 29th Annual Report of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, the Managers feel deeply sensible of the great blessing vouchsafed to the Home by a kind and overruling Providence throughout another year.

During that period it has been almost entirely free from any serious illness with the exception of measles, which appeared in the beginning of April; but which, under the Divine blessing, was attended with no fatal results.

Since the last Annual Meeting forty-three children have been admitted, fourteen girls and twenty-nine boys—the average number for the year being one hundred. Of these seven have been apprenticed, two adopted, twenty-eight removed by relatives and two absconded.

On the 13th of September last, at the request of the Lady Managers, H. R. Highness the Princess Louise, accompanied by Major DeWinton and Col. Gzowski, was pleased to honor the Home with a visit. H. R. Highness upon her arrival was received by Rev. J. D. Cayley and the first and second Directresses, and was greeted with the National Anthem sung by the children. At the conclusion of the singing of God Save the Queen, the Princess was presented with a basket of flowers by the youngest child in the Home; after which she was conducted over the Institution by the Lady Directresses, and upon her return to the Board Room expressed great satisfaction with what she had seen, and complimented the Matron upon the happy, healthy appearance of her little charges.

There had been in contemplation a purchase of land, with a view to the future erection of a Home with larger accommodation and more extensive grounds. Several advantageous offers were made, among others a site at Mimico, the property of the Ontario Government, which could have been procured at a reasonable rate; but before making a final decision the Committee of Council strongly urged the Board to seriously consider all the disadvantages, as well as supposed benefits accruing from the proposed change, and the idea was abandoned.

The Managers have much pleasure in acknowledging their appreciation of the Matron's unwearied efforts and interest in the Home and its inmates. From the proceeds of a concert entirely due to her exertions, a sum of \$39.00 was realized, and that together with a bequest of \$100.00 from the late Mr. Moon, enabled them to add a verandah to the north-eastern side of the House, which affords shelter to the little ones in unpleasant weather.

Miss Sheppard too, who for the past thirteen years has been employed as seamstress for the Home, and is now about to resign, deserves much credit for the faithful and efficient manner in which she has discharged her duties. The Mayor and Corporation at the request of the Board paid a visit to the Home, and expressed