

The proceedings were opened by the appointment of Mrs. Davidson Murray, First Directress, to the chair.

The meeting was opened by the Rev. Mr. Hodge, with prayer.

## THE REPORT.

T. P. Robarts, Esquire, then read the Annual Report of the Lady Managers of the Society. It appeared from the Report that since the month of June last, sixteen children had been admitted into the Home, fourteen had been apprenticed, one had been adopted, and one death had occurred. The number of children at present in the institution was fifty-four. The Lady Managers had much pleasure in stating that satisfactory letters had been received from persons in the country to whom children had been apprenticed, expressing themselves well pleased with the conduct of the children entrusted to them. The Lady Managers felt themselves under many obligations to Mr. McGann, who with great kindness and liberality had offered to instruct the children of the Home in writing, without charge. They also recorded the kindness of Mr. Sheppard, who had gratuitously cut the inscription in front of the Home. To Dr. Ogden likewise they returned their thanks. His medical services had been given freely and gratuitously, not only to the children but also to the other inmates of the Home. The Matron, Mrs. Holmes, still continued in the esteem and confidence of the Lady Managers, and had been invariably faithful in the discharge of her duties. Although the long-continued monetary depression, and the withdrawal of some old friends, with other adverse circumstances, might naturally be supposed to affect the income of the Society, the Lady Managers had much pleasure in stating that such was not the fact to any great extent ; the income not having been materially lessened.

The Lady Managers felt it their duty to offer their grateful acknowledgments to the distinguished Lady Patroness, Her Excellency Lady Head, for the warm interest which she has taken in the Institution, and the valuable support and countenance which she has afforded it upon many occasions, and especially at the Christmas Festival of last year.