

35TH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting their 35th Annual Report, the Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society return thanks to God for the many gracious benefits the institution has received during the year. Though nothing of unusual interest has occurred in the Home since the last Annual Meeting, prosperity has still attended the efforts which have been put forth on its behalf. Since June, of 1885, 84 children have been admitted—45 boys and 39 girls. Of these 4 have been apprenticed, 4 adopted, 1 died, and 34 have been removed by relatives, leaving in the Home at present 176. In consequence of the increased anxiety and labor entailed by the large influx of children within the past year, the Board resolved in April last that an addition of \$100 (one hundred dollars) per annum be made to the Matron's salary. Owing to Mr. William Gooderham's thoughtful benevolence, he having donated \$500 (five hundred dollars) for the purpose, the Managers have been enabled to furnish a nursery for little ones, ranging from 3 to 6 years, for whom in our numerous city Charities no provision has hitherto been made. Already, though only furnished three months, most of the little cots are filled. In appreciation of Mr. Gooderham's generosity, the Ward has been named by the Managers "The Gooderham Ward." The Managers feel they have just cause for thankfulness in the freedom from any serious illness among the children. The only interruption to this general good health during the year was an outbreak of whooping cough in August last, when nine of the children had to be removed to the infirmary. Owing, however, to the care and attention bestowed upon them, as well as their complete isolation, the disease spread no further, and in December the Infirmary was again closed.

Most satisfactory accounts have been received from time to time of the boys and girls who have left the Home. This in itself is a source of gratification to the Managers, and a stimulus to continued effort on the children's behalf. As in previous years the Committee has much pleasure in testifying to the care and attention given by Miss Wheelright in her personal supervision of this institution; also to the judicious management of Miss Armstrong in the schoolroom, where the improvement of the pupils has been most noticeable.