

ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS AND FRIENDS OF

THE PROTESTANT HOME FOR THE AGED.

THE Directors herewith beg to present their Report of the Home for the year ending the 30th of September, 1888.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Directors, held on the 3rd of November last, it was decided by resolution of the Board, to change the name of the institution from that under which the declaration for a Charter had been filed with the Clerk of the Peace, viz: "The Protestant House of Refuge" to "The Protestant Home for the Aged," and under the new name, application was made to the Provincial Government through the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities for recognition and assistance under the "Charity Aid Act" of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

In July last, the Inspector, Mr. Christie, visited and inspected the institution, and having expressed himself as well satisfied with the equipment and management of the "Hsme," intimated his intention of reporting favourable upon it to the Government.

In correspondence with your Secretary some time ago, he stated that his report had been forwarded to the proper authorities.

Your Directors have therefore every reason to feel assured that in due time the "Home" will be placed on the list of Charities to be aided in accordance with the Act referred to.

During the year, valuable improvements in the premises were made by the owner, who without asking any increase of rent, placed steam-heating apparatus in the building; while in the early spring, greater accommodation having been found necessary, at an additional rental of \$5.00 per month, the attic story of the adjoining house was secured, and several bed rooms were thus added; convenient access being provided by opening a door through the partition wall.

About a year ago, the Directors determined to ask the co-operation and assistance of the ladies in the community, interested in the welfare and success of the Home. With readiness and kindness worthy of their sex, a large number of ladies immediately formed themselves into a committee, for the purpose of aiding the Directors in the good work, and a goodly supply of many things much needed, such as food, clothing, furniture, etc., has been the result of their united action. The Directors desire to tender their sincere thanks to the ladies composing this committee, and at the same time to express the earnest hope that their valuable assistance may be continued in the future.

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