

36TH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting to their friends and the public the 36th Annual Report of the "Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society," the Managers feel deeply sensible of the many gracious benefits vouchsafed to the "Home" by a kind and overruling Providence throughout the year. During that period it has been entirely free from illness, either of a serious or trifling nature, the expenditure for medicine for this year not exceeding \$3. This is owing, no doubt, to the salubrious position of the "Home," as well as the healthy regular diet and complete sanitary condition of the Institution.

Since June, of 1886, 81 children have been admitted—46 boys and 35 girls, while 62 have left the Institution. Of these 2 have been adopted, 6 apprenticed, and 56 have been removed by relatives who were again in a position to provide for them. The average number for the year has been 175, though during several months they ranged from 180 to 185.

In consequence of the additional expenditure for the Nursery, where there are between 25 and 30 little ones, the Managers determined to petition the Corporation for an increase in the annual city grant. We hope this appeal has not been made in vain, but that the members of the Council will unanimously vote an additional sum annually to the charity. In October last the Managers felt the necessity of raising money for the interest due upon the debt which is still on the building, and also if possible relieving themselves in a measure of this heavy burden. They finally decided upon holding an "All World's Fair" in the second week in December, from which they realized the handsome sum of \$3,704.47. \$700 paid the interest which fell due in January, and when the expenses were deducted \$3,000 were added to the Building Fund, reducing the debt to \$18,810. The Board of Management avail themselves of this opportunity to thank their friends and the public generally for their liberal patronage upon this occasion, as well as the generous response to the appeals made for the Refreshment Table.