

THE GIRLS' HOME.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The review of the work done by the Home for the past year is a peculiarly gratifying one. While those providing for smaller families are obliged to report that times are "hard," with the utmost thankfulness we say, the wants of this household, consisting of no less than 120 helpless children, have been amply provided for, and at no time has a single bill stood unpaid for lack of funds.

The collectors, who in a recent speech were humorously compared to the "busy bees, who gather honey from every opening flower," have been moderately faithful in their efforts; a benignant government has offered its friendly aid, a kind-hearted public has opened its purse and poured its gold into the treasury; but behind all this can be traced the goodness of a Heavenly Father, who has inclined so many hearts towards the work of saving the perishing little ones of our city.

The number in the Home at present is 128; 108 were in at the commencement of the year, and 80 have since been admitted, being a total of 188 who have been in the institution during the year. Of these, 45 have been taken out by parents, 9 have been sent to the Boys' Home, 8 have gone to service, 1 has been adopted, 1 has gone to the Infants' Home, and 2 have died, being a total of 61 who have been removed from the institution during 1877.

It might be mentioned here, that the children received have been almost entirely from the town. Applications have been made from different places throughout Ontario, but as no payment has been promised, they have been necessarily declined. If in such cases the