

**THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.**

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The Lady Managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home, in presenting their Forty-eighth Annual Report to their friends and the public, desire in the first place to acknowledge with grateful hearts, the mercies and blessings vouchsafed to them by Almighty God during the past year.

Foremost among these they would place the great blessing of good health, which has been almost the rule among the children under the care of the institution. In so large a family of little people between the ages of three and twelve, entire immunity from infectious or epidemic disease is remarkable, and witnesses to the blessing that attends a careful observance of sanitary laws, which are the laws of Him in whom "we live, and move, and have our being."

During the past twelve months 73 children have been admitted to the Home, 30 girls and 43 boys; of these 62 are natives of Canada, 4 of Great Britain, and 7 of the United States.

By religious denomination—35 are Church of England, 18 Presbyterian, 17 Methodist, 1 Baptist, 1 Congregational, and 1 Lutheran.

89 Children left the Home, 39 girls and 50 boys; of these 8 girls and 10 boys were apprenticed; 60 children were taken by parents or relatives; two boys were adopted; one boy ran away the day after he was admitted; and two children died, a little girl from bronchitis, and a boy from meningitis. These two children had each been but a few weeks in the Home. Six children were transferred to other Institutions.

The average number of children in the Home each month has been 189, and the average number of inmates, 202.

The Lady Managers, who week by week throughout the year take turns in visiting and inspecting the Home, are often struck by the good behaviour of the children. The sound of a crying child is rarely heard; but singing and laughter, and the voices of children at play, are the usual sounds that greet their ears when they enter the doors; just such a cheerful noise as should be heard in any happy home. At the same time the order and discipline necessary to the well-being of a large Institution, are also successfully maintained. The following unsolicited testimony from the teachers of the Orphans' Home School, was very gratifying to the Lady Managers:—