

Thanks are also due to the Messrs. Knowlton, who generously enclosed their bill receipted, suggesting that the amount should be applied to the purchase of ornamental trees for the front of the building; and to the Misses Lawson, for proceeds from Cantata, which provided four iron bedsteads.

The Matron continues to fulfil her duties to the perfect satisfaction of the Managing Committee, and the domestic arrangements, devolving specially upon her, merit their highest commendation. From the proceeds of a concert, held in St. Andrews' Hall, mainly due to the indefatigable efforts of the matron, fifty counterpanes have been purchased for the dormitories, as well as several other necessities required in the establishment.

To the butchers, bakers, grocers, etc., of the City, the ladies gratefully tender their thanks for liberal donations to the Home. Owing to their kindness, as well as that of numerous other friends, the Toronto papers were enabled to publish the following paragraph amongst the notices of charitable institutions:—"At this charitable institution (Orphans' Home) the little people put in a very merry Christmas. There were just one hundred of them to enjoy the good things furnished for them by this worthy charity and its many friends. The schoolroom was handsomely decorated, and furnished with settees and tables for the serving of the excellent Christmas dinner provided, and the children, dressed in their best, looked as cheerful and happy as if they were in homes of their own. The Christmas-tree for the children, which promises to be a very handsome and attractive one, will be fitted up for the distribution of presents on Friday afternoon at four o'clock."--Let each one, then, continue to give liberally to such charities, as God has prospered him, thus lightening the burden of care which falls so heavily on many young hearts.

The Managers cannot close this report without expressing their sincere regret at the retirement from active participation in the work of the Home of Mrs. T. Ridout, who has been for many years a useful and zealous co-worker with them in the discharge of their manifold duties, and who has at different times filled the offices of Manager and Recording Secretary, displaying in both capacities, ability, zeal and sound judgment.

Annexed will be found the Treasurer's Report, containing a satisfactory statement of the financial management of the Home.

E. H. VANKOUGHNET,

*First Directress.*

MARIA MULLEN,

*Secretary.*

Toronto, 3rd June, 1879.