

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MANAGERS OF

THE ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY.

The Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, having now completed their term of office, proceed to submit to the Corporation their Annual Report, of the present state and future prospects of the Institution, and to shew in what measure they have discharged the duties of the solemn trust committed to them.

In entering upon this their task, they beg leave humbly to record their deep sense of gratitude to the Giver of all good, and to express their sincere belief, that the efforts which have been made so universally and so energetically by all classes of persons, in behalf of the Protestant Orphan, have been most signally blest by Him "without whom we can do nothing."

From the date of the General Election of Officers in the preceding year, up to the 4th of July following, the Lady Managers were employed in discharging the usual routine business of the Society, no event of importance having occurred until the above date. It was then thought advisable to appoint "a Committee of Counsel," consisting of three gentlemen, viz: Mr. Robarts, Mr. Gurnett, and the Revd. Dr. Lett, that they might give their attention to Fiscal and other important matters, which could not be so efficiently managed by ladies. On the 10th of December following, Mr. John Wilcock, one of the contractors for building 'the Home,' applied for £100 on account of a balance due to him. The Committee of Counsel were requested to borrow this amount, and these gentlemen subsequently informed the Lady Managers, that they had negotiated a loan of £100 for three months, from the Bank of Upper Canada. In order to raise the necessary funds to meet this obligation, a Juvenile Entertainment was proposed, to take place on the 4th of January, 1856. The unprecedented and unexpected success of this entertainment will not soon be