

# GIRLS' HOME AND PUBLIC NURSERY.

## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

"At the close of the year 1873, the Lady Managers of the Girls' Home have much pleasure in presenting the public, and their many friends, with a short report of their work.

"The entire year has been but one more proof of the kind and watchful Providence which cares for the helpless and for the orphan. It will be difficult to do more than enumerate the numbers admitted into the Home, and the numbers placed out in respectable positions; and yet it is essential, if we would interest others in our work, that we should tell them some of its details, some of those little incidents which so cheer or discourage.

"The number in the Home at the close of the year was 84; 97 were in at the commencement; 63 have since been admitted, being a total of 180 who have been inmates during the year. Of these, 8 have been adopted, 4 have gone to service, 48 have been taken out by parents, 5 have gone to the Boys' Home, 4 died, and 3 ran away, being a total of 72 who have been removed from the institute during the year 1873. While the number in the Home now is not quite so great as last year, those actually benefitted are more numerous, there having been a larger proportion of temporary inmates during the last year than in any previous one. It may be interesting to know that these have been children of English immigrants—strangers in a foreign land; the Home has felt it both a duty and pleasure thus to give them a helping hand in making this new and sometimes difficult start in life. Indeed, two of the most interesting little ones now in the Home are of this class. Their mother died during the passage out, and their father, seemingly broken-hearted and discouraged, has wandered away, leaving Daisy and Frank to the entire care of those who would