

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANAGERS OF

THE ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY.

In conformity with the provisions of their Act of Incorporation, "The Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society," proceed to set forth, this their Seventh Annual Report. In discharging, however, this important duty, they encounter in the outset, a difficulty of no ordinary occurrence. On former occasions, some incident has not failed to happen, which tended somewhat to diversify the oft-told tale, and give a new and fresh interest to the well trodden path of Annual Reporting, and thus while each preceding year had its own peculiar incidents to record, this year forms an exception, being signalized by no such events. For these reasons the Lady Managers are compelled, to confine themselves on the present occasion, to such general observations and statements, respecting the present condition and future prospects of "The Home," as may ensure it a continuance of that comprehensive sympathy and support which it has hitherto experienced from all classes.

Being essentially Protestant in its nature and constitution "The Orphans' Home" "brings up its children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It teaches them (humbly trusting that when old they will not forget the lesson,) to place all their hopes on the merits of Him, "who made by his one oblation of himself, ONCE offered a *full, perfect and sufficient* sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world,"—and it must be gratifying to those who have followed this Institution "through evil report and good report," to see how the observance of this one, great, broad and comprehensive Protestant principle, has not failed to enlist the sympathies of all classes of persons, and thus while the rich give of their abundance, and the poor their mite,