

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

The forty-second annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon in the Home on Dovercourt Road. A large number of ladies and several gentlemen were present. His Honour Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, presided, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick was also present. On the platform with the Lieutenant-Governor were Mr. H. A. Massey, Major Leigh, Dr. Hunter, Dr. McConnell, Mr. Huson Murray and Rev. John Alexander. Rev. Canon Cayley and Mr. Jas. Perkins, who is a member of the City Council of London, were also present. The boys and girls of the Home, about 200 in number, were ranged along the platform and presented a very creditable appearance indeed. The exercises commenced with the singing of the National Anthem, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Alexander. Dr. McConnell then, in a brief address presented the institution, on behalf of the lady managers, with large, beautifully framed, photographs of Mrs. Murray, who became a manager of the Home in 1854, and was for 20 years principal directress, and of Mrs. Vankoughnet, the present principal of the board, who was elected to the position in 1877. Mrs. Vankoughnet was absent yesterday through illness. Dr. McConnell referred also to Rev. Dr. Lett, who in 1851 founded the Home, and continued for ten years its chaplain, and to Mr. Wm. Gooderham, who was a life-long friend of the institution, and at his death bequeathed to it \$10,000, whose pictures also adorn the walls of the assembly room. The reports of the secretary, Mrs. Leigh, and of the treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Cowan, were read by Major Leigh. The home was never so full as during the past year, there being in March 216 children. The average has been 195. During the year 80 children have been admitted, 37 boys and 43 girls. Seventy-six children have left the Home, of whom 56 have gone to relatives and friends, the remainder having been taken by farmers or apprenticed. Mrs. Holmsted and Mrs. Wm. Hope are the only retiring managers. The Ladies' Aid of St. Peter's Church had sent in 85 garments, the making of which had given employment to the poor women