

THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT INFANTS' HOME.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"Do thy duty that is best,  
Leave unto the Lord the rest."

In reviewing the year just closed, we find it has been one of greater activity for us than many of the preceding years.

We have attempted many things, and with the help of kind friends, have accomplished much, but we are still striving after greater achievements than at the present moment seem possible.

Each year finds our work increasing, and the demands upon our resources greater, and though in the evening we often feel disheartened, fresh courage comes with the brightness of the morning, and we again take up our burden, ever hoping to place our institution on a better footing than it hitherto enjoyed, and longing for the day to dawn when we will find our position, from a financial point of view, much more secure.

At the beginning of the year just closed there were 61 children in the Home, 70 have since been admitted making a total of 131.

Of this number 51 have been removed by parents or friends, 4 transferred to the Orphan Asylum (they having attained the age of five years), 5 have been adopted, 22 have died and 49 remain in the Home.

Of the total number of children received into the Home during the year, 7 were the children of widowers, 9 of widows, 7 with mothers sick in the hospital, 3 with mothers in the Insane Asylum, 18 children of deserted wives, 6 of parents unable to provide for them, 1 foundling and 19 were illegitimate.

Owing to the prevalence of measles, chicken pox and scarlet fever in the Home at different times during the year, and our inability at such times to receive little ones, the number of children is not nearly as large as it otherwise might have been.

Last year we were quite convinced that all we required was an Isolation Ward; but as the tenders came in, and the cost of a new wing fully estimated, the majority of the Committee felt it would be