

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

"Ye have the poor with you always.
Blessed is he that considereth the poor."

In reviewing the work so as to present the report of another year to our kind friends and subscribers, there is nothing to mark this year from previous ones. We have as heretofore endeavoured to carry out the objects for which the Institution was established, namely, to receive homeless, motherless, fatherless, destitute and deserted infants under four years of age, and by giving them every care and attention, to save, if possible, their lives.

Many of the little ones have been left to suffer from both hunger and cold, while the parents have been indulging their appetite for strong drink until all tenderness and love for their offspring have been effaced.

Foundlings are also received; occasionally, there is an inhuman mother who is capable of deserting her infant, leaving it to the mercy of strangers and probably sending it to an early grave.

A large number of weak and frail infants, almost in a dying condition, have been received during the year. All that can be done in many cases is to make the last days of the little one comfortable. Besides the care and nourishing food which the inmates receive, they have good ventilation, drainage, fresh air, and sunshine, all of which are not often to be found in the homes of the poor.

At the beginning of the year, April 1st, 1895, there were 53 children in the Home, and since then 119 have been admitted, making a total of 172. Of this number, 80 have been removed by parents or friends, 7 have been transferred to the "Ladies' Benevolent" (they having attained the age of five years), 31 have died and 54 remain in the Home.

The death rate has been a little over 18 percent. The details will be found in the report of the Medical Board.

Of the total number of children in the Home during the year, 16 were the children of widowers, 10 of widows, 35 with mothers sick, 3 with