

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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In presenting their Thirty-first Annual Report, the Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society return thanks to God for the bountiful blessings vouchsafed to the inmates of the Institution during the past year: and especially for the singularly good health enjoyed by them throughout that period.

Though nothing of unusual interest has occurred in the "Home" since the last Annual Meeting, a gratifying measure of success and prosperity has attended all efforts which have been made on its behalf.

Within the year ending this day 50 children have been admitted—28 boys and 22 girls; 33 removed by relations; 7 apprenticed; 3 adopted, and 2 removed by death. The average number for the year has been 104; the present number is 107.

As in previous years, many of the boys and girls who have left the shelter of the "Home" are succeeding well; and very satisfactory reports of their conduct have been received from time to time.

The Building Fund, the nucleus of which was formed last year, has been materially increased by the exertions of some of the Managers and many kind friends of the Institution, who interested themselves in the Calico and Fancy Ball, held in the Pavilion on the 13th of April last. The net proceeds of the Ball amounted to \$650, an increase of \$116 over that of last year. The success which attended their efforts in this way, and the favor with which they were received, as evidenced by the notices of the city press, has encouraged the Managers and ladies and gentlemen to make this species of entertainment an annual affair. The Committee has to thank the public generally for their hearty and liberal response to the appeals made to them for the supper table upon that occasion.

Owing to the increasing number of applicants and the insufficiency of room in the present building, the Board of Management felt the urgent necessity of taking some decided action towards meeting the demands which this drawback entailed. After due enquiry and careful inspection of a number of available lots for