

THE ORPHANS' HOME.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Rows of bright, happy faces set off with pinafores white as snow and neat brown-coloured dresses graced the large school-room of that most commendable charity the Orphans' Home yesterday afternoon. The occasion was the Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting. On the back benches sat some of the future doctors, lawyers, and legislators of this great Dominion. In front of them sat the audience composed largely of ladies. On the platform were his Worship Mayor Howland, Rev. P. M. McLeod, Rev. J. D. Cayley, and Rev. J. P. Lewis.

At a few minutes past four Rev. J. D. Cayley led in prayer, after which the Chairman read letters from Rev. Dr. Thomas, Professor Clarke and others, regretting their inability to be present.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. W. B. McMurrich then read the Annual Report, the substance of which is contained in the following summary:—It shows that continued prosperity has attended the efforts put forth on behalf of the Home. Since June, 1885, 84 children have been admitted, 45 boys and 39 girls. Of these four have been apprenticed, four adopted, one died, and thirty-four have been removed by relatives, leaving in the Home at present 176. Through the kindness of Mr. W. Gooderham the managers have been enabled to furnish a nursery for little ones ranging from three to six years. The report then refers to the remarkable freedom of the Home from any serious illness. The only interruption to this general good health was an outbreak of whooping cough in August last, when nine of the little ones had to be removed to the infirmary. In December the infirmary was again closed. Most satisfactory reports have also been received from both boys and girls who have left the Home. This in itself is a source of gratification. Thanks are returned to the medicos and other officers, and the many kind friends of the Home for their kindness and attention during the past year. As in former years, the little ones have had many opportunities of enjoyment afforded them. As a whole the record of the past year shows, if anything, increased and wider beneficence, and in consequence responsibilities for the future very much greater. A very good evidence of the generous spirit which should animate friends and well-wishers of this charity, has been manifested by several of its friends during the past year, and the managers acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following bequests and donations:—From the estate of the late James.