

ORPHANS' HOME,

TORONTO

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1879.

The Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, in presenting this, their Twenty-eighth Annual Report, acknowledge with deep thankfulness the continued prosperity of the institution.

During the past year twenty-one children have been admitted, twelve girls and nine boys; twenty-eight have been removed from the Home; seven apprenticed, five boys and two girls; two girls adopted; nineteen taken away by their parents, ten of whom were boys and nine girls; one little girl of three years died some fifteen months after her admission, another was sent to the asylum for the insane, Hamilton, and a third, who was suffering from hip disease, was received at the Hospital for Sick Children; leaving at the present time one hundred and three children in the Home, the average number for the year being one hundred and six.

From time to time very gratifying accounts have been received from those apprenticed, and in many instances, when the term of apprenticeship had expired, proposals were made to retain the services of the orphans at good wages, which, in itself, was a recognition of their thoroughly satisfactory behaviour.

Owing to the kindness of the captains of the various steamers, the children have enjoyed several excursions to the Island, Mimico, and Victoria Park, at which last named place, through the generosity of several Orangemen, and the proprietors of the steamer "Maxwell," they were liberally provided with refreshments, and each little one remembered; Messrs. Kiely placing a car at their disposal to convey them to and from the wharf. Among other treats, in compliance with a kind invitation from Professor Cromwell to all the charitable institutions of the city, the children spent a very pleasant and entertaining afternoon at the Grand Opera House.