

The causes of death were as follows :—

Laryngismus Stridulus	1
Infantine Debility	7
Convulsions	2
Bronchitis	1
Marasmus	8
Tuberculosis	1
Gastro Enteritis	2
Pneumonia	1
Broncho pneumonia	1
Measles	6
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The Board regrets that the death rate has been so high. This is partly due to a severe epidemic of measles which attacked the inmates, cutting off many at the time, and weakening permanently many others, who subsequently succumbed to slighter ailments.

The Medical Board are glad to think that in the near future they will have at their command the inestimable advantages of an Isolation Ward, where children upon their entrance may be kept under observation for a few days, till it is positively assured that they have no disease lurking in the system. It is quite possible to admit a child apparently healthy, yet already in the incubation stage of some infectious disease. This ward will also be used for the isolation of any suspicious case of infectious disease in the Home until a definite diagnosis can be made. In an institution of this kind such a ward is an absolute necessity, and we trust a generous public may assist the ladies in this undertaking.

The Protestant Infants' Home has now been for many years one of the well-known institutions of our city. A glance at the names of the ladies who have been upon the directorate of the Home shews us that from its inception until the present day its affairs have been managed by those who, Dorcas-like, are best known amongst us for true charity and Christian work.

The Medical Board desire to thank the ladies for their hearty co-operation and kindness in carrying out any of their suggestions.

The Board would also take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the services of Mrs. Van Allan and her assistants, Mrs. Campbell, Miss Shaw and Miss Elliott.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sec. Medical Board.

THE GENERAL FUND OF THE PROTESTANT INFANTS' HOME, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER,
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1898.

To Balance March 31st, 1897	\$2237 97	By Salaries and Wages	\$929 00
" District Collections	\$1195 70	" Bread	282 59
" City Collections	810 00		