

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME, 1894.

In laying their Annual Report before the public, the Lady Managers feel that they have had a very quiet and uneventful year, no great incidents have marked its course; the ebb and flow of the tide of children has been almost unvarying from month to month, and it is with sincere and devout thanksgiving to their Heavenly Father, they record the small amount of illness, and the ultimate recovery of the invalids, in every case. The children who had been removed to the Isolation Hospital and Sick Children's Hospital returned, evincing that the greatest care had been bestowed upon them.

Number of children admitted since last June 99. Boys 51, girls 48. As far as could be ascertained they were from the city, with the exception of three born in the United States; two from Peterboro Allandale and Euphrasia, one each from Weston, Trenton, Wingham, or other parts of Ontario.

According to their religious denominations they may be classified in the following manner:—Church of England 61, Presbyterian 10, Methodist 16, Baptist 10, and two Protestants not otherwise specified.

The average number of children each month has been 194. The average number of inmates, altogether each month, 204.

In the usual phraseology, 84 children have been "discharged" from the Home—38 boys, and 46 girls. Of this number 60 children, 25 boys and 35 girls, were taken out by relatives; 14 children were apprenticed, eight boys and six girls, in every case going to the country, as it is considered a more wholesome life for young people; four were sent to the Isolation Hospital and Hospital for Sick Children, and returned in a few weeks; one boy was placed in the New Boy's Lodging, after his return from his place, as he was too old to remain in the Home—one girl was sent to another Institution—A little girl and boy were adopted by people without children of their own—a small boy was admitted one day and went away the next, without waiting to be taken by his relatives. A girl went to a lady for a short time, then returned and was apprenticed to a farmer's wife; this had to be entered as two girls, although it is only the same one twice over. In this way it is shown how the 84 children have left the Institution.