

REPORT.

At the expiration of their year of office, the Managers of the "ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY" appear before the Corporation to render an account of the manner in which they have discharged the trust reposed in them; and before doing so, they would desire humbly to record their grateful acknowledgments to Him "from whom all good gifts do come" for the success with which their efforts have been blessed, so far exceeding their fondest expectation on the assumption of office. In carrying into effect the objects for which the Orphans' Home was incorporated, the Managers feel more and more convinced of the necessity of a separate institution, such as this, wherein undivided care can be bestowed on the physical, moral, and religious training of its helpless inmates, in most cases admitted in tender years, when just deprived of a parent's watchful care and instruction. To supply as far as may be, such an irreparable loss as this, the idea of founding the Orphans' Home was first broached, and the Managers have endeavoured, as far as in them lay, to carry out this benevolent purpose. Already under its fostering care eighteen orphan children have been sheltered, most of whom, humanly speaking, would have been a prey to ignorance, destitution, and vice, were it not for the interference of this Society; and when increased accommodation can be obtained by the completion of the "Home" now in course of erection, this shelter will be proportionably extended.

With respect to this latter subject, viz. "*The New Home*," the Managers have to report that, following up the action taken by their predecessors, as mentioned in last year's report, they at once advertised for tenders and contracted with Messrs. Harper & Wilcocks for the erection of the Home on the block of land so generously given to the charity by the Hon. Robert Baldwin and the Hon. Wm. Cayley, and which the Building Committee have every reason to hope will be ready for the reception of the inmates in August next. Meanwhile the Managers have taken a short renewal of the lease of the present temporary residence, as the previous lease expired last May.