

# ORPHANS' HOME,

## TORONTO

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1878.

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In presenting to their friends and the public the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, the lady managers would desire to acknowledge, with thankfulness and gratitude to Almighty God, the success which has attended their efforts for the well-being and future prosperity of the institution.

At present the number of children in the Home is one hundred and three, the average number for the year being one hundred. Since June, 1877, thirty-four have been admitted, namely, twenty-three boys, and eleven girls; of these, however, five boys have been removed by their parents, two apprenticed, one adopted, and one sent to the blind asylum, Brantford; two girls have been apprenticed, one adopted, one sent to the blind asylum, and one to the idiot asylum, Orillia.

The success which has generally attended those orphans who have left the Home, and the satisfactory accounts received of them during the year, have been a source of gratification to the managers, as well as a stimulus to continued effort on the children's behalf. In two instances where the term of apprenticeship had expired proposal was made, in each case, to adopt the child, a well-deserved tribute being thus paid to the salutary influence exercised over the young by home training.

The general health of the institution throughout the year has been good. In one case, only, was it found necessary to have a consultation of physicians, that of Mrs. Pollard, who was received by the Female Aid Society, and found to be suffering from cancer in the jaw. For this she was successfully operated on by the late Dr. Hodder, assisted by Drs. Temple and Grasett, and after the