

## REPORT OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

**TO THE MANAGERS OF THE PROTESTANT INFANTS' HOME.**  
LADIES,

It is with much pleasure I present to you this brief Annual Report, being my third, on the health of the Protestant Infants' Home during the year 1872-73, but I fear that the ample statistics to be found in the Secretary's statement will leave me very little to say that will be of interest to non-professional persons.

At the end of last year there were thirty infants remaining in the Home, and one hundred and six were admitted during the year. One hundred and thirty-six infants were, therefore, under my professional care during the past twelve months. The deaths were fifty-two during the year or a fraction over thirty-eight per cent. of the whole number. This per-centage of mortality is much lower than that of the first year of the existence of the Home, but is a little higher than that of the second in which the per-centage of deaths was only thirty-two.

In the beginning of the official year just closing measles was very prevalent, and the tender inmates of the Home did not escape the epidemic. Gradually it spread amongst the infants, attacking one after another of the little creatures that already seemed to have more than they could do in the struggle for existence. During April and May, this disease carried off a number of the infants and left several others so debilitated that they succumbed during the warm weather that immediately followed. With this exception no infectious disease invaded the Home. One infant, whose mother was carried off by small-pox immediately before its admission, having died shortly afterwards, it was suspected that