

The meeting having been opened with prayer by Bishop Cridge and the usual routine business being disposed of, the President, Mr. Charles Hayward, presented his annual report, which was to the following effect :

“LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The past year, although the most successful of the twenty-two of the society's existence, when considered only from the standpoint of the amount of useful and beneficent work done by it, has been one of considerable anxiety to your Managing Committee. In addition to the widespread depression prevailing among all classes of the community, whereby the amount received from donations and subscriptions has been seriously affected ; the loss sustained at the commencement of the year of the sum of \$1,632.92, by the failure of Green, Worlock & Co's bank, necessitated the greatest caution and economy in the administration of its affairs. Happily the Ladies' Committee, together with our excellent matron, cheerfully and energetically responded to the necessities of the situation, and by the exercise of the most commendable care and economy, succeeded in keeping the working expenses down to the lowest possible limit. Your Reception Committee were thus enabled to provide for all of the most necessitous applicants for admission, and to maintain in the house during the year an average of 50.25 poor and destitute children.

“There are at present in the Home 54 children, and the necessary permission has been granted for the admission of five more, although the condition of the treasury does not warrant a single additional burden. Your Committee, however, confidently believe that when the wants of the institution are generally known, that