

The Managers have much pleasure in referring to the Treasurer's accounts for the year, showing the sum of \$3,419 11 as the gross amount received for the benefit of the Home from all sources, including the balance of \$524 51 from the preceding year, while the expenditure is shown to have been \$2,885 83, leaving a balance of \$298 88 at the credit of the account to begin the year with. In the item of expenditure, it will be seen is included the sum of \$300 12 laid out in alterations and improvements in the building, which cannot of course be termed ordinary expenditure. Under the advice of the committee of council, it was deemed prudent to make a permanent investment on the security of real estate of the \$1,000 invested in gas stock, and the sum of \$235 from the general funds to make up the requisite sum, and mortgages have accordingly been taken for the amount of \$1,200, yielding a semi-annual interest.

The Managers have much pleasure in recording the generous bequest of \$800 by the late Hon. James Gordon, left by his will for the benefit of the Home, as announced to them by his executors, and also in alluding with thankfulness to the unceasing liberality of the many friends of the Protestant Orphans, and in particular to that of the Orangemen, from whom donations from all parts of the Province are continually pouring in, materially aiding in the support and maintenance of the Home, on whose behalf at the entertainment given at the Crystal Palace on the late anniversary of the birth of our beloved Queen, the handsome sum of \$354 was taken up and handed over to the Treasurer by Messrs. Fleming and Irwin, in the name of the Orangemen, besides the sum of \$46 contributed by various lodges throughout the country, for all which the members of the association cannot feel too grateful.

Nor must they omit to to acknowledge the constant contributions by the butchers and market gardeners of the St. Lawrence and St. Patrick's markets, at all times most cheerfully and readily given, and by which the expenses of the charity are so very much lessened.

The Managers have also to notice the pleasing fact of a communication having been received last February from Mr. Charles, Secretary to the Reformatory and Refuge Union in London, England, informing them that an International Reformatory Exhibition was to be held in London, during the month of May, and requesting contributions in work from the children of our Home.

Accordingly a box containing such articles as the children could prepare in the short time allowed them, was forwarded by Express to London in April, and in due time it is hoped that a pleasing account will be transmitted of its reception, and that good results will follow from the circumstance of