

## REPORT, 1883.

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As last year our report of annual proceedings was late in coming before the public, so we find ourselves in a corresponding position this year. A change of officers connected with the House of Industry and the absence of our newly appointed Honorary Secretary, Mr. John H. Symons, who has kindly undertaken the work, having, to some extent, at least, caused the delay.

It is, however, our pleasant position, under God's blessing, to be enabled to furnish to all who are interested in the Institution a very favorable account of our affairs during the last twelve months.

The health of the children who have been in the Home has been all that could be desired, and under the judicious management of the excellent matron, who combines firmness with kindness, great improvement continues to be manifested in their moral, intellectual and physical condition. The building is in very good order—the interior being the perfection of cleanliness from cellar to roof, and the exterior thoroughly proof, for the present, and, we hope, some time to come, against any stress of weather.

The number of children admitted to the institution during the year (from June, 1882, to June, 1883,) was nine; the number sent out to the country four; the number at present under training is seventeen, a number, indeed, far less than could be expected when the advantages to be derived by both parents and children are taken into consideration. There might as well be forty or fifty as seventeen. The accom-