

REPORT.

THOUGH our Annual Report has been delayed a few weeks, we trust that it will be found of not less interest than those which have preceded it.

The year past has been an eventful one to the Institution, inasmuch as painful circumstances occurred which led to a good deal of trouble and anxiety, and resulted in the resignation of the Matron. The Committee do not think it necessary to enter into detail on the matter: they simply desire to say that they acted to the best of their judgment, and soon had the satisfaction of restoring the Alms House of Industry to its former satisfactory and efficient condition.

The Committee had a number of applications for the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Matron in the month of June. Amongst the applicants was a lady in Montreal, who had been in charge of a similar institution in that city, and who presented testimonials of the highest order as to personal character and qualifications for the office. The Chairman of the Committee, having occasion to go to Montreal in the month of September, took advantage of the opportunity to call upon Miss Hervey, the originator and patroness of the "Hervey Institute," and on Mrs. Jones, formerly Matron of that Institution, and who was the applicant referred to. The result of these interviews was the appointment of Mrs. Jones to the office. She arrived in this city on the tenth of October, and, on the same day, entered upon her duties at the House of Industry. It is very gratifying to be enabled to announce that the Matron has fulfilled our highest expectations, and that the School is conducted with economy as well as ability.

Some changes have taken place among the children, several having left the Home for service in families, several having been dismissed, and several new ones brought in. At present, there are eighteen girls in the Institution, some of whom are very young.

In the month of November, Miss Peirce, the teacher, who had rendered herself very useful during the Summer, and to whom the Committee feel indebted for the interest she showed in the School, resigned her office in consequence of her mother's death, and went home to reside with her father.

The Committee are glad to state that a large accession to their numbers was made during the year, and they are now able to subdivide the work incumbent upon them, and render a good deal of help to the Matron who is herself thereby enabled to