

is, considered a low one, the location being such as to assure an increased valuation in the future.

Messrs. Hopkins & Wily, Architects, prepared plans and drawings of the proposed new Home, which were favorably received by the Managers at a meeting held at Dr. Scott's residence, July, 1875, but as the amount required for its erection exceeded the amount at control of the Committee, and the financial stringency prevented full collections, it was decided that it would be more judicious to postpone, for a time, the erection of the contemplated new Home, and that, as the building now occupied by the Home was obtainable for another year, it should be so secured, which was done accordingly. The Managers trust their action will be approved of by their friends, and trust that those who have exerted themselves so energetically in obtaining subscriptions, and collecting the same, will continue their efforts until the much wished for result is reached—the erection of a new Protestant Infants' Home.

To pass from the pleasant report of receiving money, we may now notice the action of the "Flower Mission," which has by no means been neglected during the past year. Many of the ladies continually brought their weekly offerings of buds and blossoms to brighten the Home, and gladden the hearts of the little ones so closely confined during the winter months.

The return of spring brought also many happy days to the inmates of the Home, young and old, as good things were showered upon them by many friends, and the expense of numerous trips to St. Helen's Island, defrayed by ladies of the Committee in turn, who were amply repaid in witnessing the delight of the children as they played on the Island, and drank in with the pure air health and strength, and, in many cases, a new lease of life.

The object of our Home is to offer protection, kind treatment, warmth and good food to neglected and destitute children, and, as the Report will show, many such have benefited during the year. In many of their late homes cold and hunger have been their portion, and, in various cases, they are the offspring of drunken fathers and mothers, who love the intoxicating cup more