

THE ORPHANS' HOME.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Orphans' Home was held in the institution last night, the Bishop of Niagara in the chair.

There was a very large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, amongst them being Mesdames VanKoughnet, McMurray, McMurrich, MacNab, Cowan, Beardmore, Rutherford, McKean, Lett, Cayley, Lockhart, Cartwright, Miss Morrison, Revs. J. D. Cayley, Septimus Jones, J. P. Lewis, R. A. Bilkey, Messrs. J. S. McMurray, Huson W. M. Murray, Kivas Tully, Andrew Fleming, R. Spratt, and Dr. Lett.

The children were seated in raised benches on the platform, the boys to the right and the girls to the left of the chairman, and it was a pleasure to all to look upon their bright rosy faces and clean tidy appearance. During the proceedings they sang three times very evenly and sweetly.

The meeting was opened by prayer offered by the Rev Mr. Cayley, after which the chairman made a few remarks, speaking of the great pleasure it gave him to be present at what would likely be the last annual meeting in the old Protestant Home. He was glad to find that the managers were to erect a larger building, and that they had secured a suitable site on the confines of the city.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In the absence of Alderman Boswell the Rev. Mr. Cayley read the thirty-first annual report, which, after speaking of the gratifying measure of success and prosperity since the last annual meeting, stated that within the year 50 children had been admitted to the Home, 28 boys and 22 girls; 33 removed by relatives, and 4 apprenticed, 3 adopted, and 2 removed by death. The average number for the year had been 104, and the present number 107.

As in previous years, many of the boys and girls who had left the shelter of the Home were succeeding well, and very satisfactory reports of their conduct had been received from time to time.

The building fund, the nucleus of which was formed last year, had been materially increased by the exertions of some of the managers and many kind friends of the institution, who interested themselves in the calico and fancy ball held in the Pavilion on 13th April last.

The net proceeds of the ball amounted to \$650, an increase of \$116