

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE MANAGERS OF
THE ORPHAN'S HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY.

In presenting their report for the preceding year, the Managers of this admirable institution have again to record their sense of its continued and continuing success, affording to them, and they are sure to the members of the association at large, the liveliest and most heartfelt gratification, and the assurance that their efforts to promote the objects of "the charity" may not be in vain.

There are at present in the Home 94 children, 50 boys and 44 girls, of whom 51 have received during the year, and in the same period 43 have left, 16 having been apprenticed out, 5 adopted, 20 taken back by their parents or guardians, and 3 induced to leave.

This compared with the statements of former years, will show that there has been a steady increase in the number of children admitted, while of those taken from the Home the number has been greater than in any preceding year.

The health of the children during the year has been on the whole good, some of them only having had a cutaneous affection for which they have been carefully treated by the attending physician, Dr. Ogden, whose services have been always so cheerfully given, and while so affected they have been kept separate from the other children. A consideration of the propriety of this induced the Managers, under the advice of Dr. Ogden, to provide a distinct department in the building for such patients, and accordingly the upper part of the east wing was laid off into two bedrooms, and a staircase made connecting with the ground floor, and all communication with the main building cut off, and the Managers are happy to be able to say that it has effected a great improvement and answers the purpose admirably. The alterations were made under contract at an expense of \$114.

The condition and management of the children under the matron, Mrs. Holmes, has been in every other respect satisfactory, as has also been their progress in their studies under their teacher, Miss Scott.