

The following table shows the number of children made wards of the Society :

TABLE II.

## RECEPTION.

Awaiting homes, Oct. 1st, 1896.....	10
By adoption.....	30
By order of the Court.....	15
By transfer from Protestant Orphan's Home.....	1
By transfer from Infants' Home.....	2
††Boys who offered themselves.....	2
†Returned from foster homes.....	11
Total.....	71

## DISPOSAL.

Adopted out.....	45
Placed out.....	1
To custody of parents on condition of parents' good conduct ..	9
*Awaiting homes, Sept. 30th, 1897.....	16
	71

††These were boys over fourteen years of age who could not be adopted without their own written consent. This they both gave willingly, signing their names to the necessary documents.

†Eight of these were again placed in foster homes during the year and one returned to his mother.

\*Ten of these have been placed since Sept. 30th, 1897.

Total number of children in foster homes, Sept. 30th, 1897, 155.

The Society receives a very large number of letters of enquiry for children, and this is due to the kindness of the editors of nearly all the Toronto and Winnipeg weekly papers in inserting in their columns frequent letters from the Secretary descriptive of children available for adoption. In the case of a lad of seventeen who was recently described in one of these letters as having three years' experience on a farm and desiring to make a bargain himself at \$6.00 per month, there had been fifty letters of enquiry received up to the date of the writing of this report. The nature of the application forms which enquirers are required to fill out, will be evident when it is said that while hundreds enquire, the number who formally apply—when they become aware of what responsibilities the Society requires them to assume—only adds up to scores, and even of these many are rejected by the President and Secretary, whose duty it is to pass on them.