

## REPORT.

THE Committee of St. Paul's Alms House of Industry, in presenting their annual report, beg to state that the work in connection with the Home has progressed quietly and satisfactorily for the past year.

Six children were admitted throughout the year, and comfortable homes were provided for the same number.

There are at present 13 children in the Home, and their health and their general condition is most satisfactory.

The Ladies' Committee have visited the Home regularly, and the thanks of the friends of the Institution are due to them for their self-denying efforts and careful supervision.

The task of teaching the children has been efficiently performed by Miss Gidney, by whom the children are not only taught the rudiments of a plain English education, but are most thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of the truths of the Bible and the Catechism of the Church of England.

The most noticeable matter in connection with the Alms House has been an important change in the constitution.

Hitherto the Alms House has been exclusively confined to the members of St. Paul's church, all the committee, by an article of the constitution, being members of that congregation. It was suggested, however, that it would be a benefit to the institution to enlarge its sphere of usefulness by admitting members of the other congregations of the Church of England in Halifax and Dartmouth. To do this it would be necessary to alter the rules of organization, which alteration could only be effected at an annual meeting, after due notice. Accordingly it was moved and carried unanimously at the annual meeting held May 27th, 1890, that the Institution be henceforth managed by a committee of ten gentlemen and twelve ladies, with the Rector of St. Paul's Parish, who shall be ex-officio President and Chaplain. Of said committee at least five gentlemen and six ladies shall be parishioners of St. Paul's parish, and the remaining five gentleman and six ladies, parishioners of the other parishes of Halifax and Dartmouth, provided a sufficient number be qualified.