

fully left \$100, and Mrs. McNabb \$300, for the benefit of the orphans, and by the legacy of Mr. Kitterson, the sum of \$13,000 fell to the share of the Protestant Orphans' Home, enabling the Trustees to pay off the mortgage held by the McMaster Estate, thus setting the property entirely *free from debt*.

This was felt to be such a matter of rejoicing, that a special Thanksgiving was held by the Managers. It was also proposed to call a ward after Mr. Kitterson, to perpetuate his memory. The Solicitor, Mr. Hewson Murray, who, with infinite trouble to himself, arranged all the business of the matter, deserves the sincere gratitude of the Board.

Under the circumstances, it was decided to add another \$100 a year to the Matron, Miss Wheelwright's salary, to show an appreciation of her long and valuable services. The present is the 25th Annual Meeting she has taken part in.

It was thought advisable to procure a new furnace before the winter, and Mr. Hart A. Massey, one of the Committee of Council, undertook to see Mr. Gurney about it, the result being eminently satisfactory, two of the newest and best kind having been placed in the Home, at a cost of \$1,500, less \$75 discount for ready money. At first, however, it would not draw well, so Mr. Massey got upon the roof and looked down the chimney—like a veritable Santa Claus!—discovering the fact that it was choked with soot, which had to be removed, when the draught was as good as ever. The Lady Managers greatly appreciated Mr. Massey's practical kindness.

During the summer months the Street Railway carried the children free, time and again, to the different excursions given by the Steamboat Company to Victoria Park and other places. Mr. McKendry, of Yonge Street, also provided refreshments and prizes at Island Park and took a personal interest in their enjoyment. The boys went with their Superintendent for walks about twice a week during the holidays; they were also taken, both boys and girls, to the Exhibition in September.

To all kind friends who have contributed so generously to the Orphans, the Lady Managers offer their sincere thanks.

The members of the Board have been invited to attend and take part in an Historical Conference on Charities, to be held in Chicago, during the World's Fair. The Secretary acknowledged the invitation with thanks, and sent the Report of last year.

With many thanks to His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and the other kind friends who are present to-day, the Lady Managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home will conclude their Report.

E. H. VANKOUGHNET,  
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CHARLOTTE E. LEIGH,  
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