

children of Protestant mothers, for whom there is no refuge but the Grey Nunnery, and by employing the mothers as nurses, endeavours to encourage and strengthen the tie that binds them together. In these cases, we insist, as far as practicable, upon the mother coming into the Home with her child, and where we cannot persuade her to do so, urge upon her, the duty of contributing something towards its support.

The purchase of the property, of the late Dr. Carpenter having been completed in the early part of the year, the Home was removed from Notre Dame Street, to Guy Street, in the month of May, an event, the Management have much satisfaction in recording. To the healthier situation, and better sanitary arrangements of the new premises, we attribute the marked improvement in the health of the inmates. For the Ladies Committee also, the locality is far more convenient, their frequent attendance, and constant oversight, being so necessary, for the successful working of the Home.

At the commencement of our year, in April 1878, there were 36 children in the Home; since then 65 have been admitted, making a total of 101. Of this number, 43 have been removed by parents, or friends; 5, having attained the age of five years, have been transferred to other Institutions, (Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1, Ladies Benevolent 1, Hervey Institute 3,) and 17 have died.

Six children have been adopted during the year, and we must acknowledge, that the placing of these little ones in comfortable homes, where they can receive the individual love and care so necessary for their welfare, is the most satisfactory, and encouraging part of our work. Since the opening of the Institution, 51, have been thus provided for, by respectable and responsible parties. Our interest in these children does not cease when they are removed from our care, as we communicate from time to time, with those who take charge of them. Only the other day we received a most gratifying letter from a benevolent lady, who recently took a friendless little one to fill a vacant place in her home, in which she not only assures us of the health and happiness of the child, but adds "he is already the idol of the house."

The death rate, it will be observed has been unusually low, the more surprising when we take into consideration the deplorable