

# ANNUAL MEETING.

JUNE 7TH, 1881.

A number of ladies and gentlemen who take an interest in this very deserving institution assembled in the Board-room on the evening of June 7th, for the purpose of hearing the Report for the year just ended. The chill, damp state of the weather, together with the prospects of rain, no doubt deterred many who otherwise would have been present from attending. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and evergreens, while on a raised platform behind the chair were seated about seventy of the little waifs who there find a comfortable home, and are prepared to make their own way in the world. No shadow on the bright faces reminds one of the misfortunes which have placed so many of the little ones here. The girls, attired in neat blue dresses, with white pinafores, and the boys in their dark tweed suits, looked remarkably well, while their conduct during the evening could not have been better. His Worship Mayor McMurrich occupied the chair, while the Bishop of Niagara and Rev. Mr. Cayley occupied seats on the platform. Rev. Mr. Cayley opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Chairman called on Alderman Boswell to read the Annual Report, which was of considerable length, and referred minutely to the affairs of the Home for the past year. During that time 30 children were admitted, 7 apprenticed, and 2 died, and 108 are at present in the Home.

The children are making steady progress in their studies. The projected workshop has been abandoned for the present, owing to the tenders received greatly exceeding the amount in hand. The opportune bequest of the late Mr. Andrew Wilson, amounting to \$1,000, enabled the managers to tide over what otherwise would have been a very trying season in September last, the funds being very low just then; and the increase of \$250 in the civic grant enabled the Board to set aside, as the nucleus of a building fund, the net proceeds of the Calico Ball, amounting to \$536; also \$64 due to a concert, the joint effort of the matron and the Toronto Teachers' Choral Society.

The 24th of February being the twelfth anniversary of Miss Wheelwright's installation as matron, the managers decided on presenting that lady with a substantial recognition of her faithful services, and she was accordingly made the recipient of a handsome bedroom suit and carpet, which, with an annual increase of \$100 in her salary, was a gratifying evidence of their entire satisfaction.

During the year the institution has been remarkably free from sickness.