

## Sixth Annual Report of the Physicians of the Protestant Infants' Home.

*To the Members of the Corporation of the Protestant Infants' Home.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

On behalf of the Medical Board, I have the honor of submitting to you the following Sixth Annual Report of the Physicians of the Protestant Infants' Home.

As mentioned in the last annual report, the medical staff was increased by the addition of Dr. Godfrey, as consulting physician, and Dr. Ross, Gardner and Osler, as attending physicians. Each of the attending physicians visits the Home for three consecutive months.

The pleasure of presenting this report is much enhanced by the fact that, for the past twelve months, the rate of mortality has been the lowest of any year since the institution of the Home.

When the past year commenced, there were thirty-eight children in the Home, and 125 were admitted before its close, making the total number cared for during the year 165; of these, 41 died, the death-rate being 25.1 per cent.

The number of deaths that took place in each month was as follows:—

April .....	7	October .....	1
May .....	2	November .....	2
June .....	7	December .....	3
July .....	3	January .....	6
August .....	1	February .....	3
September .....	4	March .....	2

In April and January the largest number of deaths took place. In the former month, an epidemic of chicken-pox pre-