

Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society.

34TH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting their 34th Annual Report, the Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society desire to express their deep sense of gratitude to a kind and over-ruling Providence for the many blessings vouchsafed to the Home during another year. Throughout this period it has been almost entirely free from any serious illness, and quite so from infectious disease. During the present year there have been as many as 157 inmates in the Institution at one time. Since June, of 1884, 82 children have been admitted, 34 removed by relatives, 6 apprenticed, and 1 adopted. The average number for the year has been 148, though for the past five months there have not been fewer than 151, an increase of 31 since the date of the last Annual Report.

It is satisfactory and encouraging to find that, on the whole, good reports have been received of the children who have been apprenticed. In several instances two sisters or brothers have been placed in the same household, and have succeeded, through their amiability and good qualities, in securing true friends in their employers. Many of the children are improving fast in those things which will be serviceable to them when they leave the Institution. The larger girls who are able assist the cook, housemaid and laundress in their several duties, and it is to be hoped that still greater progress will be made in future in regard to those important matters, as the Managers are most anxious that both girls and boys should be trained in careful, industrious habits, suitable to their future condition in life. The Home was visited this year by a youth who had been a former inmate, and who spoke in the most gratifying manner of the benefits and blessings which he had enjoyed there; while many of the children who have now become prosperous men and women write frequently to the friends of the Institution, expressing their gratitude for the thoughtful care and shelter given them in their helpless childhood. Within a month past a most pleasing letter was received from one of these young men, who had succeeded in accumulating \$2,000,