

The Managers also avail themselves of this their Annual Report, once more to return their sincere and heartfelt thanks to those kind and steadfast friends of the institution, the Orangemen of Ontario, and while assuring them of the sense that they, one and all, feel of their most valuable services in the past, trust that the Home will be equally remembered by them in the future. Alderman Hallam, with his usual kindness of heart, invited the children to a Christmas dinner, and also to a Christmas tree, from which each little one received a present, and, in return for this and former acts of kindness the children presented the worthy Alderman with a nice book-marker and an excellent warm pair of socks, the work of their own hands. The butchers, bakers, market-gardeners and confectioners still continue their frequent liberal donations to the Home. Capt. Milloy gave the children the annual free trip on the "City of Toronto" to Niagara, and Capt. Parkinson took them several times to the Island free of charge.

An appeal has been made, with the full sanction of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, to the clergy of his diocese, asking them to devote the offertory on some Sunday in May to the benefit of the Home. The receipts up the present time show that, where the offertory has been devoted to that object, the appeal has been well sustained.

During the past year the ladies managing this institution, in consequence of a generous attempt to receive and maintain far more in the Home than their means warranted, got into serious financial difficulties, on account of which they were compelled to make extraordinary appeals for assistance.

Some of the orphan girls knitted three pairs of fine wool socks for the Lieutenant-Governor, which he kindly expressed himself as much pleased with.

With this statement of facts, and these expressions of thankfulness to the many kind friends of the "Charity," the ladies once more commend it to the care and protection of Almighty God, and to the kindness and beneficence of its numerous friends throughout Ontario.

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The report was adopted.