

THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**Protestant Infants' Home.**

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T. The Committee have much pleasure in laying before their friends and the public, the third Annual Report of the Protestant Infants' Home. Under the Divine blessing, the Home has prospered beyond their most sanguine expectations. Many kind friends have been raised up, who have contributed liberally to its support; and though, owing to the increased number of inmates, the expenses have been greater, yet the treasury has never been empty.

At the last Annual Meeting, there were 30 children in the Home; since that time 106 have been received. Out of that number 67 are the children of married parents, and 39 illegitimate. The health of the children throughout the year has been generally good only one epidemic has prevailed; and, but for the diseases incident to that class of infants, the number of deaths would have been very small. As it is, the mortality rate is smaller than that of similar institutions. During the year, 51 have died, 34 been removed by parents or friends and 5 adopted. The last-mentioned class have been frequently visited at their new homes, and they seem to be well cared for in every respect. We trust that the number of adoptions will increase from year to year, that being one of the main objects of the Committee.

During the past year, there has been a monthly average of 9 nurses, more than half of whom have been married women with infants of their own. One young woman, who entered with her infant when the Institution was first opened, left it last fall for a more profitable situation. Her child is remarkably attractive, and has been often selected for adoption, but she refuses to give it up, and it still remains in