

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MANAGERS OF

The Protestant Orphans' Home

AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY.

A quarter of a century has the Protestant Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society been in existence, and now, in laying before their friends and the public the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Institution, the Lady Managers have to acknowledge that although no event of unusual interest has occurred in the annals of the Home during the past year, yet in thankfulness and gratitude to God is the recognition made by them that prosperity and success have attended the means taken for the well-being of the children committed to their care. At present the number of Orphans in the "Home" is 89—the average number for the year has been 94—and there have been admitted since June, 1875, twenty-two boys and eighteen girls. Nineteen boys and twenty-six girls have been removed by friends, two deaths have taken place those of a boy and girl. Six boys and four girls have been apprenticed, and two boys have absconded in that time. It is satisfactory and encouraging to find that on the whole good reports of those children who were apprenticed have been received. In some cases where the term of apprenticeship had expired, proposals to retain the services of the orphans at good wages have been made and arranged, in others the children have been adopted, thus allowing us to see the fruit of our labours, and permitting us to realize the promise that "He setteth the solitary in families."