

those who have so largely assisted in the maintenance of "the home" by their frequent contributions, and particularly should mention be made of the butchers of the St. Lawrence market, whose constant supplies of meat, gratuitously, have occasioned a very small outlay in that respect.

The managers also have much pleasure in pointing to the increased state of the finances for the past year. The treasurer's account now submitted for inspection shewing the gross sum of \$4920.94 to have been received during the year from all sources, whether subscriptions or donations, and including the balance of \$185.22 from the preceding year. In this amount is the sum of \$2000, being the handsome donation of a mortgage security of that value, presented by the executors of the late Dr. Burnside's estate, and also the sum of \$400, being a legacy left to "the home" by the late excellent Miss Lambert, and since invested in real estate for the benefit of the charity, together with the sum of \$248.50 paid in during the year by persons having children apprenticed to them, and with that previously received is placed at interest for their benefit till they become entitled to receive it.

The expenditure for the year for the ordinary expenses of "the home," as shewn by the accounts, amounts to \$1808.67, shewing a balance of \$433.77 to begin the coming year with.

There is one important topic that attention may properly be directed to, and that is, that while this association is also called a "Female Aid Society," it has, as yet, in that sense, afforded little or no aid to that class of females doubtless intended by its founders. Its attention has been almost exclusively confined to the care of orphans. The cause of this has hitherto been the want of means and accommodation; but the managers are happy to be able to say that, during the year they felt themselves justified in entering into arrangements with a gentleman from England for the reception of a certain number of young women expected to arrive in the country as servants, and for affording them a home till they might be able to procure suitable places: they each paying a small equivalent for the boon. And the managers hope that henceforward "the home" may be also made to be in accordance with the original intention—a temporary asylum for that class of females.

On a review of the past year, the managers feel that there is much cause for congratulation and for thankfulness to God for the steady improvement made in "the home;" that the time they have given and the efforts they have made to increase its usefulness have been abundantly blessed, owing less, they are sensible, to any merits on their part, than to the goodness of the object they have been instrumental, under Providence, in nourishing. And now in committing their trust into the hands of those who may be appointed to succeed them, the managers pray that additional blessings may continue to be poured upon, and to gather round, the "Orphans' Home."

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First Directress.

E. H. VANKOUGHNET,
Secretary.

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