

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon in the institution, Dovercourt Road. Mayor Fleming presided and with him on the platform were: Canon Cayley, Rev. A. Hart, Ald. Scott, Mr. Leigh, Dr. Macdonald, Dr. Hunter and others. Letters of regret at absence were received from Rev. J. W. McCaughan, Rev. Prof. Clark, Mr. Kelso and Provost Welch. The Mayor spoke very highly of the work of the institution and paid a high tribute to Mrs. VanKoughnet, who has been at the head of the institution for the last 40 years. The children were seated behind the chairman, and, after his remarks, sang in chorus, "The Land of the Maple," waving miniature Union Jacks and maple leaves. The girls are an exceedingly bright and happy lot of youngsters. The girls looked pretty in their dark blue dresses and white aprons. The boys were neatly dressed in grey, with dark blue neckties. The happy, healthy looks of the children spoke volumes for the management of the institution.

The Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Charlotte E. Leigh; the adoption was moved by Ald. Scott and seconded by Rev. A. Hart. During the year there had been admitted into the Home 116 children—boys 71 and girls 45. These were made up of religious denomination as follows: Church of England 64, Presbyterian 19, Methodist 15, Congregationalist 3, Baptist 8, Christian Workers 5, Protestants, not otherwise named, 2. The localities from which they come were: The city 80, born in the States 7, in Newfoundland 1, in Montreal 2, in England 1, and the remaining 25 in different parts of Ontario. In all 119 have gone from the Home, 72 boys and 47 girls; taken by relatives 62, boys 42, girls 20; apprenticed 31, 19 boys and 12 girls; adopted 9, 2 boys and 7 girls; doing for themselves 3, 1 boy and 2 girls; left without an order 3 boys; died 8, boys 6, girls 2; sent to Orillia 8, boys 6, girls 2; sent to Alexandria School, 1 girl; sent to the Shelter, 1 boy; average number of children 195; of inmates 210. The report now went into the detailed work of the year, as shown month by month. A number of picnics and outings had been given the children during the summer season, while the little ones at Christmas-tide were not forgotten.