

The health of the children has been singularly good during the past twelve months, and the Managers cannot but gratefully feel that this fact is attributable, under Providence, to the constant care and attention bestowed on them by Dr. Thorburn, who still continues to give his valuable services to the Home gratuitously.

The managers would take this opportunity of offering their warmest thanks to the Rev. W. M. Punshon, for the very instructive and eloquent lecture delivered by him in January last, in aid of the funds of the Institution; and for his additional generosity in remitting the fee, usual on such occasions. By this lecture was realized the very handsome sum of \$544, which enabled the Committee to lay aside a part of it towards the land fund; a large balance of the debt still, however, remained due, namely, \$294, and it is with feelings of gratitude and admiration that the Managers have to report that this large sum has been collected and paid in by the untiring energy and zeal of one lady alone, Mrs. Dunlop. Such an act as this is indeed worthy of record.

In the beginning of the Summer the funds of the Institution were in such a very exhausted state, that the Managers found it absolutely necessary to make some great exertion, in order to be able to meet the daily expenses of the Home. With the help of the many friends of the Institution, a Strawberry fete was given in July, by which the sum of \$142 was realized. In thanking all those who so generously contributed on this occasion, the Managers desire to make particular mention of the very handsome donation of 70 boxes of strawberries from Mr. Cross, of Oakville, and of the kindness of Colonel Spicer in giving them the use of the very efficient band of the Grand Trunk Battalion free of charge. They would also gratefully acknowledge the untiring assistance given, during the fete, by Mr. Michie and Mr. Mitchell, to whose help they mainly attribute the success of the undertaking.

Indeed, never have the Managers found the public come more willingly and generously to their aid, than during this time of need.