

An event of interest occurred on the 20th of May, when Her Excellency the Marchioness of Lansdowne, accompanied by Lady Florence Streatfield and the Hon. Mr. Anson, was pleased to honour the "Home" with a visit. Her Excellency on her arrival was received by Mr. J. Saurin McMurray and the officers of the Institution. The Vice-regal party was greeted with the National Anthem, and a song of welcome by the children, after which Her Excellency was presented with a basket of flowers by one of the little girls. The visitors were conducted over the "Home," and were shown the dormitories, nursery, and other rooms. Coffee was then served in the board-room, and Lady Lansdowne left amid ringing cheers, after having expressed much satisfaction with all she had seen.

It is with the deepest regret the Managers have to record the death of Mrs. Davidson Murray, in November, of 1886. Mrs. Murray had been identified with the "Home" from its infancy and during her long connection with it, covering a period of over twenty-four years, she had filled the positions of Manager, Secretary, and First Directress, and when failing health compelled her to withdraw from an active interest, she still gladly assisted with advice and sympathy those actively engaged in the work. The Managers feel in her death the Institution has lost a warm friend and benefactress.

As in former years, the little ones have had many opportunities of enjoyment afforded them, and thanks are due the proprietors of the different ferry boats for their generosity and thoughtful kindness to the children, as well as to their kind friend Mr. Wm. Gooderham, for erecting toboggan slides for both boys and girls. Nor have the usual kindly contributions to their comfort been omitted. Donations have been gratefully received from the butchers, bakers, grocers, and confectioners of the city who have assisted in supplying the necessities of the Orphans. This, with continued liberality from many friends of the "Home," is most gratefully acknowledged, and to all who have been associated with them in this labour of love the Committee tender their sincere thanks.

The Managers avail themselves of their annual privilege to thank Mr. Huson Murray, their solicitor, for the services rendered by him to the "Home;" to Drs. McConnell, Macdonald, and Spragge, for their consideration for those who have