

THE 38th ANNUAL REPORT.

The 38th Annual Meeting of the friends of the Protestant Orphans' Home calls for most devout thankfulness to the Giver of Life with all its mercies, from those intimately associated with and interested in the children.

While never wishing to boast of good health, they still gladly acknowledge the exemption from serious illness; although once or twice it was thought advisable to transfer cases to the hospital. One boy was also sent to the asylum at Orillia, being of a defective mental capacity.

Seventy-two children have been admitted since May, 1888. Of these 47 were boys and 25 girls.

According to religious denominations as follows:—Presbyterians, 11; Methodists, 11; Baptists, 2; Salvation Army, 1; Church of England, 40 and Protestants not specified, 7.

Seventy-six children have been discharged from the Home. 47 taken by relatives, 3 little girls adopted, 1 boy ran away, 20 children were apprenticed, of whom 4 were girls and 16 boys.

Total average per month in the Home, 172. Including the Matron and staff, 181.

The Lady Managers very gratefully acknowledge the constant attention of the medical officers, who have been unremitting in their care. Also the kindness of Mr. Graham, for valuable services rendered.

They wish to tender their thanks to the public generally, for their kind support and contributions of various kinds, including Mrs. Carlyle's annual treat of ice cream to all the children. Also to Messrs. Barber & Ellis for paper to print the Annual Report, and Messrs. Brown Bros. for the covers for the same. To the Order of Foresters for \$12. To Mr. Huson Murray their solicitor, who is always ready to give his advice free of charge and watch the interests of the Home.

The pleasure trips on the boats, given by Messrs. Davis, McIntyre and others, were thoroughly enjoyed during the hot weather; and now that there is a prospect of a better wharf at the foot of Dufferin Street it will be still easier to reach the boats, being within a walk from the Home.

Miss Wheelwright, the valued Matron of the Institution, had a serious attack of inflammatory rheumatism during the winter, but fortunately recovering, is again in her usual health and able to perform her numerous and responsible duties. She was made the recipient of several handsome presents on her 20th anniversary as Matron, by her friends and some of the "old boys"