

## PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon. The large hall was well filled with ladies who are interested in the benevolent work, and a number of gentlemen were also present. The chair was taken by Rev. Provost Welch. Rev. Canon Cayley opened the proceedings with prayer. On the platform were:—Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Dr. Hunter, Dr. Burt, Rev. Canon Cayley, Mr. Huson Murray, Q.C., and Mr. J. K. Macdonald. There were also over 200 little orphans seated in tiers one above the other, who by their bright faces and sweet voices did much to add to the pleasure of the afternoon. Letters were read from the following, expressing regret at their inability to be present:—Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, the Mayor, Mrs. VanKoughnet and Mr. J. J. Kelso.

Owing to the absence of Major Leigh, who was attending the veteran celebration in the Queen's Park, Mrs. Leigh, the secretary, was obliged to read her own report. It was in every way most satisfactory. Among other information it contained the following statements of interest:—The number of children admitted during the year was 99—boys, 66; girls 33. Seventy-six of these were from the city. The number of children discharged was 110—boys, 64; girls, 46. Of these 73 were taken by relatives and 24 apprenticed. One death occurred during the year. The average number of children was 194 3-12, and the average number of inmates 207 4-12. The health of the children has been on the whole very good. A special arrangement has been made with the Western Hospital, whereby all cases of sickness except infectious diseases are to be treated for \$400 annually. The Managers' fee henceforth is to be \$2 per annum. The report also contained a highly complimentary reference to Miss Wheelwright, who for 28 years past has devoted her life to the interests of the children, and stated that an annuity of \$250 would be given her by the managers in recognition of her valuable services. The bequests of Mr. Robert Gilmour and Mr. Hart A. Massey were also recorded, and a word of thanks extended to those who during the past year have helped the home by their gifts and services. Deep regret was also expressed at the loss sustained by the home through the death of Dr. John McConnell.