

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE MANAGERS OF
THE PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME
AND
FEMALE AID SOCIETY,
TORONTO.

Another year of the existence of this charitable institution having now just closed, it devolves upon the managers as a part of their pleasing duty to present their report of its progress for that period to the members of the association; and in doing so, they may with much truth say, that it has continued to preserve the same satisfactory state that has marked its gradual growth from the first. That the health of the children has been, on the whole, good, and their treatment and condition all that could be desired.

The number of children now in "the home" is 54,—32 boys and 22 girls—of whom 26 have been received during the year, and 29 have gone out. 18 having been taken back by their parents, who appeared able and ready to resume the charge of them; 9 apprenticed out and 2 adopted. This shews 10 more received than during the preceding year, 12 more returned to their parents, and 6 more apprenticed, while the number adopted is less by four. Affording an interesting evidence of the increasing usefulness of the charity.

The managers have great pleasure in stating that Lady Monk readily consented, on being requested, to become lady patroness of "the home" in the place of Lady Head, whose kind thoughtfulness for the children while she was in the country will be long remembered.

While remarking upon the general good state of the children's health during the year, (measles and hooping cough, only in a mild form, having partially visited them,) the managers again take the opportunity of bearing testimony to the kind attention of Dr. Ogden, whose services have been always given, as from the first, gratuitously, whenever required. And to the economical and excellent management of Mrs. Holmes, the faithful matron of "the home," whose care and close attention to the children are amply shewn in their cleanly and healthy appearance, and their happy faces at all times. The managers have therefore thought her well deserving of an increase in her salary, and have added \$40 per annum to it.

It is also proper here to notice the satisfactory improvement of the children under Miss Ann Scott, who for upwards of the last twelve months has been their daily teacher, as well as to remark how much reason there has been for thanking