THE ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY,

TORONTO.

Fourth Annual Report,



FOR THE YEAR ENDING 4TH JUNE, 1855.

It is particularly requested that the person into whose hands this may fall will be kind enough to circulate it amongst the benevolent within the neighbourhood.

Benevolent individuals at a distance who may be desirous of adding to the funds of the Society, and will kindly undertake to raise subscriptions or donations among their friends, will please to forward or pay the amount to the Treasurer of the Society in Toronto.

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AN ACT

To Incorporate "The Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, Toronto."

Whereas an Association has been formed in the City of Toronto, under the name of "The Orphans' Home and Freamble Female Aid Society," for the purpose of affording relief and support to friendless orphans and destitute females of the said City and of the County of York, and in addition thereto, to afford religious and moral instruction to all who may become dependant thereon; and whereas the Association is composed of the several persons hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That Mary G. Sherwood, Clara L. Cayley, Mary Carthew, Harriet E. Gamble, Charlotte B. Ridout, Caroline M. Rahn, Certain Mary S. Macdonald, Wilmot Cumberland, Isabella Baby, persons in-Mary Ann Musson, Mary Ann Thomas, M. Thomas, Marianne Liddell, Augusta Draper, Caroline Mosfatt, Mary Burns, Caroline Jarvis, Mary S. Jarvis, Elizabeth B. Burns, Alice Clark, Caroline Carthew, Harriette Lett, Mary A. O'Brien, Emma Robinson, Emily M. Lefroy, Mary Robinson, Sarah Ann Boulton, Harriet E. M. Boulton, Sarah Heath, Georgiana Harman, Anne Esten, Eliza Heward, E. Hackett, Mary Cosens, Diana Moffatt, Sarah Spragge, Mary Browne, Eliza Stanton, Sarah Nation, Anna Mary Crickmore, Julia Howard Bovell, Emma C. Deslandes, Henrietta Robarts, Louisa Galt, Lilla Vankoughnet, Mary Emily Brock, Hannah Paterson, Leonora Wakefield, and such other persons as shall under the provisions of this Act become members of the said institution, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of "The Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, Toronto," and by that name shall have perpetual succession Corporate and a common seal, and shall have power from time to time powers. to alter, renew or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess, and enjoy, and to have, take, and receive to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said corporation, any land, tenements and hereditaments, and real or immoveable property and estate, situate,

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lying, and being within this Province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of one thousand pounds currency, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase others in their stead for the same purposes; and by the same name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all courts of law and places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate, or as any persons able or capable in law may or can sue or be sued, implead or be impleaded, answer or be answered unto in any manner whatsoever; and shall have power and authority to make and establish such rules, orders, and regulations, not being contrary to this statute nor to the laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation and for the management thereof, and for the admission of members into the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter, repeal, and change the said rules, orders, and regulations, or any of them; and shall and may do, execute, and perform all and singular other the matters and things relating to the said Corporation and the management thereof, which shall or may appertain thereto; subject, nevertheless, to the rules, regulations, stipulations, and conditions hereinafter prescribed and established.

Annual General Meetbe held, and for what purpose.

II. And be it enacted, That an annual general meeting ings, when to of the members of the Corporation shall be held on the first Tuesday of the month of June in each and every year, or if any such Tuesday be a Holy-day, or if the election hereinafter mentioned be not for any cause then had, then on such day as shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter mentioned for the annual election of Directresses and Managers, a Secretary, a Treasurer, or other Office-bearers of the said Society, as to the said Corporation shall seem meet, by and through the majority of such members present at such general meeting, and for the transaction of all such matters and things relating to the affairs of the said Corporation for the year preceding such first Tuesday in the said month of June, and for the adjustment and settlement of the accounts and business of the said Corporation for the said preceding year: Provided always, that the said Corporation, on a requisition signed by not less than five of the members

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thereof, may at any time, by a notice to be inserted for not less than five days in one or more of the newspapers pub-meetings may be lished in the city of Toronto, call a general meeting of the called, end how; and members of the said Corporation, specifying the hour, day, for what place, and object of the said meeting; and the members of the Society, or the majority thereof, at any such extraordinary meeting as aforesaid, shall have power and authority to make, revise, alter, or rescind any rules, orders, and regulations for the management of the Corporation, after notice of any motion for introducing any new rule, or any such repeal or alteration, shall have been given at the general meeting next immediately preceding that at which such motion shall be made and considered, and to admit new members, and to fill up all vacancies which may occur among the Directresses and Managers, Secretary and Treasurer aforesaid, and generally to do and perform all such matters and things as may be conducive to the well-being of the said Corporation.

III. And be it enacted, That all and every the estate and property of property, real and personal, belonging to, or hereafter to be the Association vested acquired by the members of the said Association, and all in the Corpodebts, claims, and rights whatsoever due to them as such, its Officers, By-laws, &c. shall be and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby to be those or the Corporaestablished; and the Directresses, Managers, Secretary, and tion until it Treasurer appointed, or to be appointed, before the first ordered. annual general meeting shall be held under the authority of this Act, shall be and continue to be the Directresses, Managers, Secretary, and Treasurer of the said Corporation until others in their stead, or the same, shall be elected at such annual general meeting in the manner herein provided; and the rules, orders, and regulations now made or to be made for the management of the Association herein first mentioned shall be and continue to be the rules, orders, and regulations of the said Corporation until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided; and the said rules, orders, By-laws, &c. and regulations shall be submitted to the members of the to be submitted for rayle said Society for their approval and confirmation at such first sion at first general meeting as aforesaid, at which they may be confirmed, Meeting. rejected, altered, amended, or new rules substituted for them, without any previous notice, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Powers of the Directresses and Managers. IV. And be it enacted, That the Directresses and Managers for the time being shall have power to appoint such officers and, servants of the said Corporation as shall be necessary for the well conducting of the business of the same, and to allow to them such compensation for their services respectively as shall be reasonable and proper; and the said Directresses and Managers shall be capable of exercising such other powers and authority for the well governing and ordering of the affairs of the said Corporation as shall be prescribed by the rules, orders, and regulations of the said Corporation.

Non-liability of Members.

V. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall have the effect, or be construed to have the effect, of rendering all or any of the said several persons hereinbefore mentioned, or all or any of the members of the said Corporation, or any person whomsoever, individually liable or accountable for or by reason of any debt, contract, or security incurred or entered into for or by reason of the said Corporation, or for, or on account, or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the said Corporation.

Married women may act without their husbands.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall not be necessary to the validity of any act performed by any married woman, as a member of the said Corporation, or to her becoming such, that she be thereunto specially authorized by her husband; any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained Rights of the Shall affect, or be considered to affect, in any manner or way, the rights of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, or of any person or persons, or of any body politic or corporate, such only excepted as are herein before mentioned and provided for.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall be bound, when required by the Governor or person administering the government of this Province for the time being, to render true statements of their receipts and expenditure, and of the real and personal estate held and enjoyed by the said Corporation.

Public Acts.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Statute shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.

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ed ch is To amend the Act intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, Toronto."

Whereas it is desirable to amend the Act intituled, An Preamble. 15 Vic Act to Incorporate the Orphans' Home and Female Aid ch. 34, cited. Society, Toronto: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada; and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the Corporation same, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, may bind out as in such manner and upon such terms, and subject to such prentice rules and regulations now made, or hereafter to be made under their by the said Corporation, as to the said Corporation shall seem fit, to put and bind out as an apprentice any child or minor under the charge, care, or protection of the said Corporation; and that all the provisions of the Act passed in the fisteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, An Act to 14 & 15 Vic. amend the Law relating to Apprentices and Minors, shall, so far as may be consistent with the rules of the said Corporation, and with the terms of the apprenticeship, apply to the case of each such apprentice.

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THE ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY,

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I. Every person paying an annual subscription of one Members of pound shall be a Member of the Society, entitled to vote at the Society. the general annual meeting; and every person presenting a donation of five pounds shall be a Life Member.

II. The Society shall, for the present, limit its exertions Objects of to affording relief and support to friendless Orphans of all denominations of the Protestant religion, admitted under the regulations hereinafter provided.

III. The government of the Society shall be under the direction of twenty Managers, who shall be chosen annually Direction to at the general meeting on the first Tuesday in June in each Managers. year; and who shall assume their duties as soon as possible after their election, and at the first meeting shall appoint from among themselves a first and second Directress, a Treasurer and a Secretary, for the year ensuing.

IV. The Managers shall meet monthly, on the last Duties of the Tuesday of each month, to direct all things necessary for Managers the benefit of the Society. At all meetings of the Managers five shall form a quorum for the transaction of any business, except the alteration of or addition to the Rules and Regulations of the Society. No such addition or alteration shall take place until a proposal to that effect be first made and seconded at one monthly meeting, and discussed and passed at the next, when not less than twelve Managers shall be present. One of the Directresses shall preside at all meetings; and if they are absent, a presiding Directress shall be chosen for the occasion. The Presiding Directress shall propose all questions, declare the decision, and have the casting vote. On the requisition of any three of the Managers,

the Secretary may call a meeting of the Managers at any time, giving at least twenty-four hours' notice. Some of the Managers, in such order as they may determine, shall visit the house at least three times a week, to order all things necessary; and shall keep a minute book, in which they shall record their observations on the concerns of the house generally, to be laid before the monthly meeting. They shall investigate the management of the Matron and the conduct of the inmates, inspect their work, and direct the domestic proceedings of the house. If a Manager is by any means precluded from fulfilling the duties of her office, she shall notify the Secretary thereof before the next monthly meeting, in order that a substitute may be named for the ensuing month. The Managers shall decide upon the claims of applicants for admission to the house, after a perfect investigation relative to the circumstances and situation of the claimant, and shall enquire respecting those persons who may apply to take any of the children as apprentices; and being satisfied of the respectability and competency of such persons to fulfil the terms of the indenture of apprenticeship shall make the necessary order for apprenticing.

Duties of the Treasurer.

V. The Treasurer shall keep a register of the Subscribers and Donors, and shall receive all monies, and keep an account of the same and of the disbursements; an abstract statement of which shall be presented to the Managers at each of their monthly meetings; and a full statement, with the vouchers of all receipts and disbursements for the year, shall be given to the Managers, to be audited by them, not less than eight days previous to each annual meeting of the Society. The Treasurer shall also inspect and certify the account of the Matron previous to each monthly meeting, and pay no bill without an order of the Manager at such meeting.

Duties of the Secretary.

VI. The Secretary shall keep a list of the Managers, and give them notice of the monthly meetings. She shall commence the business of each meeting of the Managers by reading the minutes of the preceding meeting, and the statement of the Treasurer. In case of the sickness or absence of the Secretary, a Secretary pro tem. shall be chosen by the Managers, from among themselves, at such meeting. The Secretary shall keep a record of the children's names

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and ages, the place of their birth, the religious profession of their parents, and the time and circumstances under which each child enters and leaves the house; and shall, at least once in twelve months, enquire by writing or otherwise into the state of the children apprenticed by the Society, and, should the person who becomes responsible for the superintending care of them neglect to fulfil the promise made, she shall inform the Managers or Treasurer thereof. The Secretary shall keep such other books and records as the Managers may require, and conduct the correspondence of the Society. She shall place in the room in which the Managers meet the names of the Managers, with their places of abode, that any person may know to whom to apply respecting the admission or taking away of any of the children. And lastly, she shall prepare an annual report of the proceedings of the Society, to be approved of by the Managers, containing a statement of accounts and management, to be read at the general meeting of the members of the Society to be held on the first Tuesday in June in each year; of which annual meeting she shall cause advertisements to be inserted in the newspapers of Toronto at least three weeks previous to the Duties of the said first Tuesday in June.

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VII. The Matron shall be elected by the Managers at a monthly meeting, who shall decide on the amount of her salary (unexceptionable certificates having been previously furnished), and she may be removed without notice, if occasion require. The management of the domestic affairs shall be vested in the Matron, under the supervision of the Managers, who shall provide such other aid as the wants of the House may from time to time require. No relative or friend shall interfere in the management of the children, nor visit them except in the presence of the Matron, nor at any time when such visits are disapproved of by the Managers. A School shall always form part of the establishment, and religious instruction of the Church of England shall be included in the daily education of the School. School hours from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. There shall be such diet as may be approved of by the Managers or Medical Advisers. The hours of rising and retiring shall be at 6 and 9 in summer, and 7 and 8 o'clock in the winter. The Matron shall pass through the dormitories after the hour of

retiring and see that the lights are extinguished and removed. The discipline shall be strictly parental in its character, and the order and decorum of a well-regulated family shall be carefully observed. The Matron is to be particular in her attention to the clergy and strangers who visit the House, and she shall not be absent or sleep out of the House without permission from one of the Managers. Upon the representation of the Matron of the failure in duty of any of the persons hired, she shall be at liberty (with the consent of the Managers) to dismiss them from service. All cases of disobedience to the orders of the Matron by the inmates to be represented to the Managers.

Regulations for the admission of Children.

VIII. The objects of the charity shall consist of three classes-1st, Orphans: 2nd, Children without a Father: 3rd, Children without a Mother. Preference shall be made of applicants in the above order. All applications for the admission of children shall be made in writing to the Managers (under cover to the Secretary), and must be approved of by them; and the admission of the different classes shall be according to the priority of the applications. The election of the candidates for admission shall be determined by the Managers at their monthly meetings, and to such an extent as the funds of the Society will admit. Any of the Managers may nevertheless in their discretion admit children into the Home in the interim, subject to such approval. Children admitted into the Home shall remain under the care of the Matron for at least one year previous to their being apprenticed, unless circumstances may require this rule to be deviated from.

Regulations for Apprenticing Children.

IX. Children are to be retained in the Home until they are twelve years of age, unless a particularly good situation should offer for a child of an earlier age, when the case may be discretionary with the Managers. The friends of the children are allowed the privilege of procuring situations for them if they can do so on as favorable terms as the Managers. Subscribers to the Society shall always have the preference in the choice of apprentices. Children on attaining the age of twelve years may be apprenticed to such worthy Protestant families as give satisfactory evidence to the Managers by the certificates of clergymen that they are proper persons to have charge of orphan children. They

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may also be apprenticed to any trade, provided the same satisfactory evidence be adduced regarding the character of those to whom they are to be bound. Each child on leaving shall be furnished with a copy of the Bible and Prayer Book, and be provided with a decent suit of clothes adapted to the No child shall be bound to a tavern-keeper or person keeping a boarding-house, and no female child shall be apprenticed to an unmarried man. The conditions of the indenture of apprenticeship, whether to a family or for the purpose of learning a trade, shall be-to feed and clothe the child in a fit and proper manner, according to the respective situations of the parties, for a term of years-the boys until they attain the age of 21 years, the girls that of 18 years; to bring up the child in the Protestant religion; to instruct the child in reading and writing; to teach and instruct the child in the art or trade of _____ [or make perfect in domestic service] after the best manner; to remit to the Treasurer of the Society for the time being, at the expiration of each year from the date of the indenture of apprenticeship, the sum of fifteen shillings currency, to be placed in the Savings' Bank for the child's use when the apprenticeship shall terminate -at which period the child shall be provided by the Master with a new good and suitable suit of clothes; and lastly, it shall be particularly covenanted and agreed that a written statement shall be transmitted once a year to the Secretary, of the welfare and condition of the child. Three months after the time of the several annual payments becoming due, if they are not then paid, notice shall be sent to the clergyman who recommended the person as a master, previous to enforcing the discharge of the debt.

X. The yearly subscription shall become due and payable Yearly Subon the first Tuesday in January in every year; and no per-scription to be paid first son who shall not on or before that day have paid their sub-Tuesday in January. scription for the year commencing and computed from the first Tuesday in June previous, shall be considered a member of the corporation, or be entitled to vote at any general meeting thereof.

XI. An Endowment Fund of this Society shall be estab-Endowment lished, and subscribers thereto of Fifty Pounds in one sum, Fund. or donation of land equivalent to that amount, shall be entitled to nominate one orphan to the charity, who shall be

immediately admitted if duly qualified according to the Rules and Regulations. And the said donor, on the death, apprenticeship or removal of the said orphan, may nominate another in place thereof, so that such donor shall always be entitled to have one orphan in the house during the donor's lifetime.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MANAGERS OF

THE ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY.

THE fourth Anniversary of the existence of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society having arrived, the Managers of the Institution present to the Corporation an account of the circumstances and events which have occurred during their year of office, together with a statement of receipts and expenditure, which appear in the Treasurer's annexed account.

The Managers would begin by expressing their deep and heartfelt sense of gratitude to that Almighty Power who is verily the Father of the fatherless, and who ruleth the wills and affections of men, for his bounteous blessings on the efforts made in the cause of the helpless, unprotected, and interesting beings who are the objects of this charity.

The funds, as will be shown, have been eminently prosperous hitherto, and the Managers have been enabled to complete their new Home and to place the children under its roof, whose number now amounts to forty-two—an increase of more than double the number sheltered by the Home at the expiration of the last year; since which period and the present, twenty-four have been admitted, two have been placed out, three adopted by respectable parties to bring up as their own, three have been taken out by friends, and two have died.

The acre of land granted to the Institution by the Government has been advantageously exchanged for two acres near Bathurst-street, which it is anticipated will form a profitable endowment for the Institution, the property being entirely at the disposal of those who may be entrusted with the management and pecuniary interests of the Institution.

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Dr. Rees, with whom the first idea of founding this Institution originated, gives every hope and prospect that the piece of land spoken of as being offered by him in the last year's report will soon be available to its revenue.

The Managers also call attention to the annual grant of the sum of £200 by the Government; in the obtaining of which grant, and the advantageous exchange above referred to, the Corporation are mainly indebted to the active exertions and zeal of the Rev. Dr. Lett.

The Managers have much pleasure in stating that the amount of the subscription list for the year now ending exceeds that of either of the preceding ones, and that the cause of such increase may be ascribed not only to the benevolence of the affluent of our community, but to the generosity of public bodies—the Freemasons and Fire Companies; by collections at sermons preached before the Orange brethren; and last, but not least, to the good feeling of our artizans and mechanics, who, when apprized that an additional story to the building (not contemplated in the original contract) was desired, nobly, kindly, and cheerfully responded to the appeal by each contributing the produce of half-a-day's labour in the promotion of so good a cause; and, indeed, the aid afforded by all classes of our community fully demonstrates the fact, that no other appeal is necessary to the good and worthy than to mention the cause of the destitute Orphan.

The Managers would also pay a tribute of respect to the memory of one whom it has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to remove from their councils by the hand of Death—they allude to their late lamented Treasurer, Mrs. Lett, whose earnest activity in the cause she had undertaken will be long remembered, and whose kindness to the children was truly maternal.

The Managers also consider their warmest thanks are due to those benevolent friends amongst our merchants, tradesmen, and other individuals who have presented donations in kind—viz., clothing, meat, bread, vegetables, &c.—also to several gentlemen who have kindly bestowed some useful and ornamental articles to the Home of considerable value, amongst which may be mentioned—a hand-some emblematical picture, presented by F. Widder, Esq.; a bust of Her Majesty, with casts and statuette, by Dr. Rees; a cast, by Mr. Frank Joseph; a handsome flag—the material given by J. Hutchison, Esq., and gratuitously made by Mr. Adams, Front-street; an excellent bath, by Mr. Harding, plumber.

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All these bountiful donations have been received from within the limits of our own district; but the Managers deem it only just and proper to point out the large addition to their funds obtained through the exertions of their First Directress, Mrs. Widder, whose friends in England have by her influence contributed about one-fourth of the past year's subscription, as will appear by the Treasurer's statement; and the Managers cannot without considerable regret add that they have lately been deprived of the assistance and co-operation of that lady by the occurrence of circumstances which induced her to retire from the Board over which she has so ably presided since the first organization of an Institution which is largely indebted to her, under the Almighty Blessing, for its present state of eminent prosperity, and whose purse, time, and talents, not less than her extensive influence, have during that period been devoted to the best interests and support of the Orphans' Home.

Of Dr. Ogden's professional services too much cannot be said. What was stated of that gentleman on a former occasion may be applied with equal justness upon this: that were he receiving a liberal salary for his services, instead of rendering them gratuitously, more kind attention could not be bestowed.

The thanks of the Corporation are also due to J. O. Heward, Esq., for gratuitous services in transacting some important business connected with the fiscal affairs of the Society; likewise to T. P. Robarts, Esq., for his kind services in auditing the accounts of the past year.

In conclusion, the Managers feel much pleasure in adverting to the fund for out-door improvements to the Home commenced by a handsome donation from a lady, and which has been considerably augmented by additional benefactions; and the Managers, in resigning their trust to their Corporation, sincerely and earnestly hope that the cause which has hitherto received such favorable patronage will still hold its place in the remembrance of those who have pity for the hapless Orphan.

Subsequently to the adoption of the foregoing report by the Managers, they resolved to grant seven pounds ten shillings from the funds of the Corporation to purchase a testimonial to be presented to Dr. Ogden for his valuable services as physician to the

Institution, which services for the past two years he has gratuitously rendered.

The Managers have also to report, that at the same meeting, in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Corporation by the Rev. Dr. Lett, in obtaining from the Provincial Government grants of valuable lands and an appropriation of two hundred pounds per annum, they voted fifty pounds to that gentleman to indemnify him for the expenses incurred in making several journeys to Quebec in order to obtain those grants.

5th June, 1855.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY.

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I do hereby certify that the above statement is made up from the accounts of the late and present Treasurers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, and that I have carefully examined and compared them with the accompanying vouchers and find them correct. £1701 0 10 |

THOMAS P. ROBARTS.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

In making their final Report, the Building Committee have much satisfaction in delivering to the Orphans' Home Society their newly erected Home.

The Committee do not present a detailed description of the Building; but they invite all who are interested in the cause of the Orphan to visit the Institution, and from personal inspection to form their opinion of its adaptation to the purposes of the Society.

As mentioned in the Report of last year, the original contracts for Bricklaying, Carpentering, Painting, and Glazing, &c., amounted to £1,103, which, on comparison with present prices for material,

wages, &c., prove to be very moderate.

When the building had been raised to the height originally contemplated, it was suggested that by the addition of another story nearly double the amount of accommodation would be afforded. This suggestion was acted upon by the Managers, who took immediate steps to procure the necessary additional funds. The Building Committee mention this circumstance, which, together with the cost of fence and out-offices, will account for the large sums for "extra work" in the subjoined statement of accounts, &c.; by which it will be seen that the sum of £383 7s. 9d. is still due—viz., Bricklayer, £85 6s. 3d.; Carpenter, £245 4s. 9d.; Painter, £35; Cheney, £7 16s. 9d.; McGee, £10-but which the Building Committee trust the Society will soon be in a position to liquidate.

COST OF BUILDING.

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