

WE GIVE SPACE TO THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF
THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO
Protestant Orphan Asylum Society.

"Time, with its sure and steady pace, has rolled with the past another year since last we came to greet you. And though carnage and bloodshed, the foot-prints of cruel war, have laid desolate so many parts of our once fair land, still with us it has been a year of unprecedented prosperity; and our hearts are raised in gratitude and love to that Good Father, who has so kindly watched over us, and kept our little ones 'under the shadow of his wing.'"

A year ago, with an impoverished treasury, our building in an unfinished condition, and our wants constantly increasing, we could scarcely have hoped that we could meet you on this our *Thirteenth Anniversary* free from debt, and so much encouraged by your sympathy and ever ready response to our repeated calls for help.

Truly, the Orphan's cause has found an answering chord in all your breasts.

The large addition to the building, commenced in June, 1862, was completed in June last; every part finished in a neat and substantial manner, fully suited to our wants, and capable of accommodating comfortably two hundred and fifty children. The total cost of the addition, with new roof to the old, and other repairs necessary to make the structure complete, has been \$29,576 52.

This was much more than was anticipated at the commencement; and yet, through your liberality, the Managers have been enabled to meet all demands upon them; and the building now stands, a monument to the generosity of the citizens of San Francisco.

But while we have been the recipients of your bounty, we would not be unmindful of the appropriation of \$6,000 made by the last Legislature, which sum has materially aided us in the maintenance of the Institution. To friends in the interior who have added their mite to the treasury, and to all whose thoughtfulness has lightened our cares, we would return our sincere and grateful thanks. The press of San Francisco, particularly the *Alta California* and *Bulletin*, has also placed us under many obligations by their repeated favors.

Already, the beneficial effects of well ventilated rooms, and bountiful facilities for bathing, have been felt in the health of the children. In no one year has there been so little sickness in the Institution, although the number has been much greater than any previous year, and, under Divine Providence, we have no deaths to record. This the Managers feel to be a signal mercy, but would acknowledge the efficient services of Dr. Dean, to whose promptness and attention much is due.

The number of inmates left in the Asylum on our last anniversary was eighty; during the year sixty-seven have been admitted, making one hundred and forty-seven who have found a home in the Institution. Of this number, thirty have been removed by their friends; sixteen adopted into families, where they will be well cared for and trained to habits of industry and usefulness; thus leaving one hundred and one, the present number of inmates.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridd had been in charge of the Asylum until August last, when they resigned, and were succeeded by Mrs. Willard and Miss Adams, as Matron and Assistant, who now have charge of the Institution, and whose ability and loving hearts make a happy home for the destitute Orphan.