

independent footing, and our ardor not dampened by the decrease in the subscriptions as at present.

We again have to report a shortage in our collections, the increase in some localities not being sufficient to offset the deficiency in others. No doubt the demands upon the funds of our friends increase each year. As the city grows in population other charities are started, and all are equally worthy of assistance. We have adopted a new plan of raising money, which we hope will prove successful. Each member of the Committee, and as many friends as will assist, are given a little book called the "Tithe Gleaner," which holds, when filled, exactly five dollars, and as the subscriptions are all in ten-cent pieces, we feel that we will meet with few refusals.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we record the death of our Honorary President, Mrs. James Hutton. Though the state of her health has prevented her from taking an active part in the working of the Home for some time past, yet her interest has never flagged, and we always felt assured that her sympathies were ever with us.

During the past summer our little ones had their usual outings, spending all fine days in one of the fields off Cote des Neiges, kindly placed at our disposal by Mr. McCord. We feel we must take this opportunity of thanking both Mr. and Mrs. McCord for the consideration they have shown us, and the little ones have been so generously entertained when overtaken by a sudden shower, that I am sure many of them have rather longed for rain. They also enjoyed a street car drive, making a very bright red letter day in their existence. They were taken to Maisonneuve, through Westmount and then around the Amherst line, a long and delightful ride, forming the ground-work for many a day's prattle in the nurseries.

We often wish it were possible to give the children more pleasure indoors than they have. The nurses do all in their power for them, but it is something from the outside world that is needed to brighten their little lives. A few years ago two ladies visited them every week, teaching them little songs and amusing them in various ways. The advent of the "Singing ladies," as they were called, was most eagerly looked forward to, and was a real source of pleasure to the children. We hope some kind friend will come forward to do the same work for the little ones now with us.

It is with pleasure we report five adoptions during the year, making 134 in all since the Home was established. The babies in the city have all been visited in their new homes, and appear very comfortable and happy, showing every sign of the affection and care lavished upon them, while the parents by adoption profess to be perfectly delighted with the children.

Many changes have occurred in the internal management of the