

Consolidated Statutes of Canada, entitled an act respecting Charitable and Benevolent Associations, amended by the forty-third chapter (22 Victoria) of the Statutes of Canada. A committee was afterwards formed, and Mr. Taylor named president with the understanding and request that he should retain the management as previously, it being his conviction that with the aid of a really competent matron the work would be best carried on under the ultimate undivided responsibility of one person. So it has continued until this time, and this explanation accounts for the fact. He, of course, holds himself responsible to the Society, which is composed of the persons first associated by name, and of all other persons who have contributed fifty dollars each. During these four years three reports have been published and circulated, a few copies of which are on the table.

As to the year now ending more particular details have to be given, and at this time to this specially called assembly any inquiries will be answered, and the fullest possible information afforded, it being anxiously desired that the character and work and ways of the Home may be known, and that not only the subscribers of the money to carry it on, but the ladies of Montreal may have more knowledge of the really important and useful work which it is doing, so that there may be secured more of their sympathy and co-operation. To this end pray let it be quite understood that the Home will be always open to the visits of ladies, and the Matron will be always thankful for any useful suggestions or assistance which they may be good enough to afford. Sympathy and encouragement are really very much needed in a work so full of difficulty and discouragement as, in respect of many of its details, this work is, and needing so much delicacy of action, good judgment, tact and love, as well as decision and discipline on the part of those who carry it on.

There is no rule of exclusion of women who go away and seek to come in again, and there have been instances of their being received the third, fourth and fifth time; and much must depend upon the individual case in its character and circumstances; but admitting hardened ones who have been in and out several times is found hurtful to the less depraved. On the other hand there