

Your Committee would also direct attention to the admirable Report of the Committee of Ladies, by which it will be seen that their praiseworthy exertions for the interests of the institution have been unremitting, and that, as visitors, the comfort of the patients and the general discipline and efficiency of the establishment have been materially promoted.

In consequence of the deficiency in the revenue of the institution at the end of last year, an appeal was made to the Clergy of the city, which was promptly responded to, and the handsome sum of £58 was realized, by collections in the several churches, which enabled your Committee to pay off the existing debt.

Your Committee would also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £30 from Mademoiselle Jenny Lind, in aid of the funds.

Your Committee again confidently appeal for a continuance and extension of that generous support hitherto given to this useful institution.

H. J. GRASSETT, *Chairman.*

HENRY MELVILLE, *Secretary.*

Toronto, January 1st, 1852.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES VISITORS.

The Ladies Visitors to the Lying-in Charity feel it their duty to submit to their friends and the public generally the Annual Report of the Institution over which they have presided. To promote as far as possible its interests in its internal regularity and propriety, as well as to enlarge its usefulness, having been their ultimate end and aim; and they acknowledge with much thankfulness to Almighty God the success with which their efforts have been crowned. At the same time they have to deplore the loss of no less than four of the patients admitted, who died from the fearful spreading of an infectious disorder. The Ladies beg publicly to attest to the high moral courage of the Matron during this season of sad calamity, who with praiseworthy and untiring patience paid unremitting care and attention to the sufferers. They regret to add, she herself became affected with the same disease. The House was then closed for a period of ten weeks, notwithstanding which sixty-one women received the benefit of the Asylum during the past year, and several were attended at their own houses, who also received nourishment from the Institution and were visited by the Matron.

The Ladies Visitors have great pleasure in acknowledging the humane and charitable aid given by the Managers of the Provincial Lying-in Hospital, in receiving two patients whose admission to this Asylum became impossible, from the necessity that existed of closing the house.

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