

render a helping hand. It is sincerely felt by those who have had the best opportunity of forming an opinion, that its primary object as set forth in its dedicatory services 'for training these orphan and destitute children for usefulness in the present life, and for immortal glory in that which is to come,' is never lost sight of."

Senator Macdonald inquired if it was possible that the Society, engaged as it was in a work of charity and benevolence, was taxed upon its buildings and grounds.

The Chairman replied that this was the fact. Unfortunately the Council had power only to exempt from taxation a portion of the Society's property—five of the twelve acres of land, he thought it was.

Mr. Hutcheson, Honorary Treasurer, explained that the annual taxes upon the present premises amounted to about \$100; those on the old premises on Rae Street brought the total up to \$165.25.

Senator Macdonald thought that the Act might very properly be amended to permit of the total exemption of the property from taxation. He inquired if the corporation made any annual contribution to the funds of the Home.

The Treasurer replied that \$25 was given at Christmas time, and the discussion here terminated, the report, on motion of Rev. Dr. Campbell and Mr. Shakespeare, being received as satisfactory and ordered entered upon the minutes.

Mr. James Hutcheson, Honorary Treasurer, next presented his statement of the affairs of the Home for the year just closed, as below :—