

ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1848.

THE Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Ladies of the PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM, of the City of Montreal, was held in the House of the Institution, St. Antoine Street, on Thursday, the 11th of January, 1849, the Revd. W. Bond, of St. George's Chapel, presiding,—when the following Annual Report, and the Treasurer's accounts, were submitted, read and adopted:—

MONTREAL PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, which the Directresses have now the honor of laying before the Corporation, will be found, by those interested in its prosperity, to contain subjects of the highest interest to its future welfare.

The long cherished wish of possessing a permanent and convenient residence for the objects of the Society is no longer a matter of speculation, but has been carried into execution, as far as means permitted. The urgent appeals of the last two years to the liberality of our citizens, have been answered as might have been anticipated from a Christian and charitable community, conscious of many *home blessings* possessed, and anxious to extend them to those who are homeless.

That in times of such well known pecuniary distress as the present, the Society should own a building, covered in, though not completed, is a subject of unfeigned congratulation, and humble thanksgiving to that Being, by whose inspiration the benevolence of so many persons has been excited.

Many have been the anxieties suffered by the Directresses during the progress of the building, even to its present unfinished state, lest the means on which they depended should (not from the want of well-disposed contributors, but from the scarcity of money) fail at the moment of need.