

THE  
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT,

AND UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HER EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

*The Countess of Elgin and Kincardine.*

THE COMMITTEE OF THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY have again, in the order of Providence, the opportunity afforded, by their Annual General Meeting, of laying before their friends their Seventeenth Report, containing a statement of their progress during the past year.

In approaching the subject, various are the emotions which the retrospect of the past year is calculated to produce, but, those of thankfulness for the multiplied mercies of God, they trust, are uppermost in sustaining their still struggling Institution, and permitting it to raise its head above the many waters that have threatened its engulfment.

This Committee feel they need not remind a Christian Public of the propriety and necessity of sustaining such an Institution as the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the only Protestant one in this great City, that offers a hiding place to the Widow and her children from the blast of entire misery and distress. And would urge those who have hitherto, generously and kindly assisted in upholding this Institution to ask themselves: Have they done all they could for the Lord's poor? and would earnestly request them, to come up to their help and encourage them in this, their labour of love. This Committee fear not though their case should become desperate, so assured are they that the blessing of the Lord rests upon it.