

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge.

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, ON WEDNESDAY THE 21ST APRIL, 1869.

Your Board, at the termination of another year's labors, have the honor to lay before the Governors, the following statement of the affairs of the Institution.

INMATES.

The average number of inmates for the past twelve months, has been close upon 100. The number of nights lodgings given in the Night Refuge has been

Males.....	7454
Females.....	2276

Total..... 9730
being an increase over last year of.... 1422

SOUP KITCHEN.

This branch of the Institution has been kept open all the winter, and during the summer also, poor families are supplied with a wholesome warm meal. There was given out during the year,

To night Refuge Poor..... 26651 quarts.
To Casual and Out-Door Poor... 7005 do.

Total..... 33656

This department shows a large increase of relief over last year, namely, 6730 quarts. The figures include the numbers supplied with a comfortable dinner on Out-Door Relief Days. About one hundred poor persons present each relief day, at the dinner hour, were thus supplied.

LABOUR.

Your Board are happy to report to the Governors and subscribers, that the manufacture of kindling-wood has been carried on with much success, and that the hopes entertained when the work was first commenced, have been more than realized. The public have liberally patronized the Institution in its endeavors to give work to the poor, and a ready sale has been found for what has been manufactured, and it is gratifying to state that this light occupation gives even the aged persons in the building something useful to do. The liberal gift of lumber from the Hon. John Hamilton formerly acknowledged, and which is to be repeated this year, and also gifts of slabs from Mr. Henderson, Lumber Merchant, have been very serviceable.

The sum of \$750 of profit on the year has been realized, which is a considerable help to the funds; and for further details, your Board refer to the accounts herewith presented.

INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

The report of the Ladies of the Industrial Rooms, is hereto appended. The Rooms have

as usual continued their important services, having given out needle-work to quite a number of aged persons of a respectable class, and also to many families in circumstances of temporary difficulty. As the report gives full details, your Board would only here acknowledge the importance and value of the arduous services conferred by the Ladies, and we are happy to state that the Rooms are self sustaining, and have needed no assistance from our funds, other than gas, fuel, &c., &c.

MISS RYE'S EMIGRANTS.

The girls brought out to Canada by this lady last summer, were all brought to this Institution, the use of the spare rooms having been tendered by the Poor Relief Committee, to the Emigration Department, when those reserved for Montreal immediately got situated. Only a few of these required to be cared for in the institution for any length of time.

DEATHS.

There have been eight deaths during the year, namely, 5 males and 3 females, and three of them died in the General Hospital. There were several cases of Scarlatina among the permanent inmates, all of whom speedily recovered, under the care of the visiting physician Dr. Ross, of the Montreal General Hospital. Several cases of small pox appeared in the Night Refuge, but they were at once removed to the General Hospital, and they all soon recovered. Your Board would here take occasion to state that they think, the best thanks of the Governors are due to Dr. Ross, for his valuable and gratuitous services, rendered often at much inconvenience to himself. The poor people sheltered in the Institution have at all times received the most careful medical treatment at his hands.

SABBATH SERVICES.

With one exception Divine Service has been kept up every Sabbath throughout the year. The city Clergymen and others from a distance are entitled to our best thanks, for so readily responding to the invitation to preach, and it must be a source of gratification to these clergymen, as well as to your Board, that so many aged and poor people have thus had the gospel proclaimed to them.

VISITING GOVERNORS.

The House has been well visited during the year, two of the Governors taking it each week in turns, on the nomination of the Poor Relief Committee. The Ladies also visit regularly, two being appointed for each month. The Poor Relief Committee, have met regularly in the Institution every Monday morning, and the