

We are met this night, at the request of a number of ladies, who have formed themselves into a society for the very laudable purpose of *relieving indigent women with small children, the sick, the aged, and infirm*. How far they have succeeded ; how far it is possible for them to succeed in a place, where few in want of such assistance were once supposed to exist, I am glad it is in my power, by a statement of facts, to give the most satisfactory evidence. At a meeting of the Society last week, it was ascertained that, in the space of six months, *fifty* individuals, some of whom were connected with families, had received essential benefit from the institution. Some of these might have been in their graves, if the assiduity of female tenderness and care had not been the means of their preservation : others of them, who are dead, have carried with them into the world of spirits, a memorial of kindness, which is put to the credit of the society in the books of God—Ah, my hearers, besides that description of poor, who are never backward to make known their wants ; I do assure you that there are in Montreal, as well as in other cities, cases which neither force themselves on the public eye, nor appear before your doors. It is partly the business of this amiable society, to search for

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