

The bye-laws which have been adopted, were prepared by the Committee, and submitted to the Board of Management, and have been approved by the Governors at a special meeting for that purpose. It is probable that both the bye-laws and the charter may require some additions and amendments; but it was considered advisable to have a year's experience in the practical working of the Institution before making any changes.

Your Board, shortly after their election, put themselves into communication with the Corporation of the city in regard to the Marstellar property now in their hands. The Corporation immediately appointed a committee to confer with your Board on the subject.

In consequence of having established a Night Refuge free to all religious denominations, your Board considered that they were fairly entitled to the whole of these funds to be applied solely for that purpose. After a long conference the Corporation were disposed to take a different view of the subject, and proposed to divide the funds and the property equally between the Protestants and Roman Catholics—one-half to the Institution as representing the Protestant population; with the distinct understanding that the funds so retained by them should be devoted to another Night Refuge to be under Roman Catholic management. Your Board could not object to this proposal, as the carrying out of the plan would relieve them of at least half the inmates which they would otherwise be compelled to provide for, and it is hoped that before the ensuing winter our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens will have an establishment equal to our own. The Corporation have since made an application to the Legislature to carry out this plan. In regard to the buildings necessary to be erected within the city, it appears to your Board to be a matter of necessity that they should be completed during the ensuing summer, and during that period the Board should mature their plans in regard to a permanent institution in the country. And in preparing plans, your Board are of opinion it is important that suitable accommodation should be provided for all such industrial and benevolent efforts as can legitimately be brought within the compass of their Institution. They would, however, desire not to be misunderstood, or as desiring in any way to interfere with those established incorporated Institutions now in existence, which have long been of such essential benefit to the Protestant poor.

It is appointed by the charter that not more than forty per cent of the subscription can be appropriated for sites and buildings. It would, therefore, be most desirable that the subscriptions should be largely increased, and that the permanent fund to be invested for the maintenance of the Institution ought not to be less than eighty thousand dollars, yielding a revenue of five or six thousand dollars, which, with our daily augmenting population, will soon require to be increased to a much larger amount.

The Board are in hopes that a large amount

will be raised by yearly subscription. Several of the churches have already subscribed twenty-five dollars per annum; and it is hoped they will all see it to be their advantage to do so. This entitles them to the election of one elective Governor yearly; and every annual subscriber of five to ten dollars, who may have paid up such subscription two consecutive years, is entitled to one vote for Governor. It is believed that the Protestant public generally will be disposed to give the institution a very liberal support, which they may fairly expect will relieve them from many of the daily calls which are now made upon them for the relief of the poor and destitute, for whom there exists no legal provision.

The Board have the satisfaction of announcing Messrs. Rose and Ritchie's acceptance of the office of Solicitors, and of Messrs. Gibb and Hunter's acceptance of Notaries to the institution. These gentlemen have already rendered valuable services.

The following are the names of ten gentlemen who retire from the Board of Management at the first meeting of the Governors, to be held within eight days of this date, according to the provisions of the 18th By-law, these gentlemen being all eligible for re-election:—

H. L. Routh, David Brown, J. O. Becket, H. A. Nelson, Hugh Mathewson, James Ferrier, jr., Henry Bulmer, Hon. G. Moffatt, G. H. Frothingham, Andrew Wilson.

The whole of the Elective Governors now retire from office, and it will be the duty of the present meeting to proceed to the election of a like number,—twenty-four,—the gentlemen now in office being eligible for re-election.

It will also be the duty of this meeting to elect a President and two Vice Presidents in place of those now in office, who are also eligible for re-election, and who, according to the provision of the third by-law, shall also be President and Vice Presidents of the Board of Management.

The Board, in closing their report, beg to say that they have to the best of their ability endeavoured to fulfil the important duties assigned to them; and they pray their successors, with God's blessing, may be enabled successfully to complete the plans now contemplated for the amelioration of the condition of the Protestant poor.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

JOHN REDPATH, President.

REPORT of the Finance Committee of the Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge for the financial year ending March 31, 1864:

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit a detailed statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Institution for the financial year ending 31st March:—

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.	
Total amount of subscription list to 31st March, 1864.....	\$82,704 00
Amount of annual subscriptions from Churches and Societies.....	125 00
Total.....	\$82,829 00