

# REPORT

*Of the Committee of Management of St. George's Society of the City of  
Ottawa, for the Year Ending April 1st, 1873.*

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TO JOHN SWEETLAND, Esq., M.D.,

*President of the Corporation of the St. George's Society, Ottawa.*

SIR,

It is well if after the heat and burden of the day the laborer, in the quiet enjoyment of rest, can look back with satisfaction on the labor in which he has been engaged, and with patience and faith await the time when an abundant harvest shall amply reward the labors and anxieties of seed time. So with the man endowed with feelings of tenderness and Christian regard for his less fortunate fellow-creatures: he enters willingly into the field of poverty and distress, and with soothing words and gentle attentions, prepares the soil to receive the seeds of his benevolence, hopefully abiding the time when the ripe and golden grain (in the form of hearts made glad that erewhile knew but sorrow, the conversion of cheerless and miserable homes into pleasant and happy abodes, and the amelioration of the sufferings of the sick and otherwise afflicted members of the human family shall bless his endeavors and render him far happier than he was, from the consciousness that, under God's providence, he has been instrumental in effecting much good, and averting a proportionate amount of evil.

The record which your Committee submits this evening for the consideration of their fellow members will, it is to be hoped, prove that the seed entrusted to their sowing has not been carelessly distributed on unproductive soil, but that it has been sown with discretion, and has yielded a grateful return.

Your Committee refer with great pleasure to the occasion of the last celebration of the Anniversary of St. George. The weather was unusually fine, and encouraged the members of the Society to assemble in full force, to give effect to a demonstration calculated to revive the glorious traditions of that land—

“The first on the glorious scroll of fame,”

from which they sprung, and in defence of whose honor they would be found prepared to suffer should their services at any time be required.

As usual, a procession, numbering about 250 members and their friends was formed, and preceded by the Union Band, marched from