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*A number of Ladies, deeply impressed with the destitute situation of the Poor in this place, and solicitous if possible to mitigate their sufferings, have formed a society for relieving Indigent Women with small Children, the sick, the aged, and the infirm.*

This association shall be called the

# **FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.**

## **CONSTITUTION.**

The funds shall be raised by Annuities, Subscriptions, and Donations.— Members will be admitted by paying Twenty-five Shillings annually into its funds. Ladies who do not wish to become Members, yet are willing “to feed the hungry, cloath the naked, and minister to the sick,” thro’ the medium of the Society, and Gentlemen, will be permitted to subscribe, and their names enrolled with pleasure in the list of Benefactors.

### **MANAGEMENT.**

This shall be vested in a Directress, Secretary, and Treasurer; with twelve Managers; who shall be chosen annually by a plurality of ballots.

#### **THE DIRECTRESS**

Shall preside at meetings both of the Society and Managers, state questions, declare decisions, and in all equal elections have the casting vote.

#### **THE SECRETARY**

Shall be the organ of communication to and from the society; give notice of all meetings; regularly attend them, and record their proceedings; in her absence there shall be one chosen to supply her place.

#### **THE TREASURER**

Shall receive the Annuities and Donations, and keep a regular account of all collections and expenditures, in a book provided for that purpose, which, together with the books of the Secretary, shall be laid before the society at their stated meetings.

#### **MANAGERS.**

Two managers shall be appointed for each week, to visit the poor, enquire into their circumstances, administer necessary and appropriated relief, and endeavour to stir them up to industry, order, neatness, and economy—to make them useful to their families, and better members of society. And they shall give at the stated meetings, such information as they may acquire, respecting objects of charity particularly worthy their attention; and render an account of the manner of their distributions. They shall meet on the first Monday in every month—three shall be competent to proceed to business, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall have a seat at their Board.