

Beaver Hall Terrace,

Montreal March 13th 1876.

Dear Miss Hervey,

It is with great pleasure I have learned, that you intend continuing at Murray Bay, during the coming summer the Home you established two years ago. The benefit it has been to many is in some degree recorded in the report already published, and the good it will accomplish will constantly increase as the Home and its objects become better and more widely known. An Institution of this kind is but the natural result or expression of the feelings of a prosperous civilized and christian people who desire to extend to their poorer fellow citizens the benefits which they themselves enjoy. In other countries the "Seaside Homes" have long been remembered amongst the recognized and necessary benevolent institutions and many of them are magnificently furnished and liberally endowed or supported. Those who visit the poor and sick in the crowded, dirty and badly ventilated houses, courts and lanes in this and other cities, during the hot days of summer fully appreciate the benefits offered by a Home such as you have so benevolently laboured to sustain, when it is often the only means left of saving the life of a sick and exhausted child or mother—to say nothing of health renovated in many others who are by this means restored to active and useful life. Several of the sick children who had been inmates of the Home, I visited after their return, and found them fat, rosy and in the best of health. The donations, even though small, from a large number of well wishers, together with sums contributed by inmates who may be able to pay something, will I trust enable you to carry on this beneficent institution in a most prosperous manner during the ensuing summer.

Believe me,

Miss Hervey,

Yours very truly,

St. Mathew St.

John Bell. M.D.