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requested to accept the best acknowledgments of the Ladies, for me continued care and attention, especially during the prevalence of the Cholera in this City.

The Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Cribb, continue to merit the approbation of the Ladies.

The administrations of the affairs of the Institution, have thus been submitted, and its means and wants set forth.

On the one hand there is a valuable property and building, which, when complete, will be sufficient to provide for the necessities of all the Protestant Orphans likely to need assistance for many years. On the other, an exchequer almost exhausted—what then? Shall the Ladies despair? The experience of the past forbids it. The promises and assurances of their many friends forbid it. The continued blessing of Divine Providence for more than a quarter of a century forbids it.

This Charity has always been, and with grateful pride they acknowledge it, a favored one; and in truth what claim has such a hold on the sympathies of our nature, as the helplessness of childhood, and that an Orphan one? Where is the heart that can withstand the forcible appeal of the homeless and deserted Orphan, whose temporal, nay more, whose eternal welfare, it is within our power to secure. Let us take up that blessed and inspired volume which has been given us as our guide here on earth, and there behold the light in which our Heavenly Father looks upon the cause of the Orphan, wherein he denounces, to him who shall afflict the fatherless child, that his wife shall be a widow, and his children fatherless; but graciously assumed to HIMSELF the office of Father to the Fatherless, and a Judge to the widows in His Holy habitation.

Let us then hope on, trusting in Him, that through His blessing, the liberality of our friends, and our own united endeavours, all pecuniary embarrassments may be banished from an edifice thus dedicated to the ennobling cause of Charity.

The whole respectfully submitted,

ANNE McCORD, Secretary P.O.A.

Montreal, 8th January, 1850.

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