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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OTTAWA HOUSE OF REFUGE.

The origin of the institution will be best explained by the following circular, which was issued on the 9th March, 1870 :—
(Circular.)

HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE AND THE FALLEN.

The Christian Public are hereby informed that it is in contemplation to open a House of Refuge for destitute Women and Children, in which they may find food, shelter, and employment,—associated with religious counsel and instruction,—until they can be permanently provided for.

In order to commence the undertaking, the projectors require,—

- 1st.—Pecuniary means to provide for the rent of a suitable House, and to remunerate a Matron or House-keeper for her services.
- 2nd.—Furniture of a plain but substantial kind for Kitchen, Sitting-room and Bed-rooms.
- 3rd.—A supply of wholesome provisions, and wood for fuel.

Satisfied that success in this undertaking can only be secured by prayer, offered in faith to God, to whom the gold and silver belong,—the projectors do not intend to make any personal applications for assistance, and will not publish the names of donors ; but every donation, whether in money or goods, will, at regular intervals, be so described in a published report, as that each contributor will be enabled to recognize his gift ; and a faithful account of expenditure will also be published.

Contributions in money or articles suitable for any of the above purposes, or articles which might realize money by sale, and cast-off clothing, will be thankfully accepted, on communication with

MRS. JAMES JOHNSON, Daly Street, East, or
MRS. JOHN TILTON, Russell House.

The response to this appeal was not long delayed ; and during the remaining days of the same month (March) the following answers to faith and prayer were received :—

A lady presented \$5, with her blessing on the work ; and