

THE Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Ladies of the Protestant Orphan Asylum of the City of Montreal, was held in the house of the Institution, St. Catherine Street, on Thursday, the 15th January, instant, the Rev. Robert M'Gill, of St. Paul's Church, presiding,—when the following Annual Report was submitted, read, and adopted :—

Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Even as time, in the course of its silent but certain progress, has almost imperceptibly brought round the Thirtieth Anniversary of this Institution, so has the charity itself, gliding in humble usefulness through its career, attained that period of time when its Directresses are again called upon to lay before the Corporation and the public,

“The short and simple annals of the poor.”

With one bright and cheering exception, the transactions of the past year have been unmarked by any unusual occurrence; and, under a kind Providence, its inmates have enjoyed many privileges, and a more than ordinary freedom from sickness.

This happy exception has already been made known to the public, but the Directresses deem it their bounden duty to record in their Annual Report, so bright an instance of gratitude as the case of Robert Finnie affords. If, on the one hand, the Ladies feel an honest pride in the consciousness of having discharged their duty to the subject of this notice, on the other hand, it is with unfeigned pleasure that they acknowledge that their care has been most amply rewarded.

The circumstances of this case, as so ably set forth by a gentleman of this city, and published in the public