

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

MINUTES OF TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
MEETING, held April 15th, 1891.

PRESENT :

Charles Alexander, President, in the Chair.
George Cruikshank, J. C. Watson,
Rev. J. McManus, Rev. W. S. Barnes,
Rev. Thomas Bennett, W. G. Murray,
G. W. Reed, S. Finley,
R. Holland, Theodore Lyman,
G. Childs.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the
Rev. W. S. Barnes.

The Honorary Secretary read the minutes of
last meeting of Governors, which were approved ;
after which the President addressed the meeting
in the following remarks :

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN,—We are met to-day to bring
before you our Twenty-eighth Annual Report,
from which you will see how much of gratitude
we owe to the Giver of all Good for the wonder-
ful blessing that has attended all efforts of the
Board to maintain and continue the usefulness
of our Institution. Some present will remember,
years ago, when the greatest economy was the
duty of the hour, and when we had to work on
with hope and trust; but as we continued the
work we had to do, the way has always been
wonderfully opened; and to this day our work
in providing a comfortable Home for our friend-
less poor is maintained, and some 125 have a
healthy, quiet home of rest in their latter days in
our Institution, in the Parish of Longue Pointe,
in the building created on the fine farm gener-
ously given to the Institution by the late Thomas
Molson, Esq. We are again reminded of the
uncertainty of life as, since our last annual meet-
ing some of our Governors have passed away to
their last resting place. The last of these was
Mr. E. E. Shelton, who for many years took
much interest in our work; not only in the
proper business of the House, but as an active
member of the Out-door Board of Relief. How

solemn then is the lesson to those of us who have
been so long spared, even from the beginning of
this Institution to the present.

"What thy hand finds to do, do it with thy
might; for there is no work nor knowledge in
the grave," whither we all hasten. As in the
past we look forward with hope and confidence
that the good work among the friendless poor
will never lack, either true and helpful men who
will carry on this grand work, nor money suf-
ficient to sustain the Institution when you and I
are laid in our last resting place. It is a matter
for great gratitude that we have been sustained
in this great work to the present time, while we
have sometimes had sore misgivings of heart as
to where the money was coming from: the way
has always been opened. Therefore let us take
courage and go forward with our work, knowing
that He who has begun it will continue it to the
end.

The Honorary Secretary then read the annual
reports and financial statements for the year.

It was then moved by the President, seconded
by Mr. G. W. Reed :—

That the report and financial statements now
read be received, adopted and printed.

Moved by S. Finley, seconded by W. G.
Murray :—

That the following twenty-six gentlemen be
appointed the elective Governors for the ensuing
year, viz. :

George Cruikshank,	Jonathan Hodgson,
Jas. Coristine,	Wm. Reid,
George Childs,	John McArthur,
G. F. C. Smith,	Wm. J. Withall,
John C. Watson,	Geo. Hague,
J. J. Day,	Hon. J. K. Ward,
A. A. Ayer,	Richard Holland,
Alex. Milloy,	Alex. W. Morris,
Ald. D. Wilson,	Theo. Lyman,
Thomas Dawes,	G. W. Reed,
Gilman Cheney,	E. F. Ames,
Ald. W. Clendinneng,	Warden King,
Robt. C. Jamieson,	C. D. Proctor.