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REPORT

OF THE

Female Protection Society,

FOR THE YEAR 1855-6.

TORONTO:

CHOMPSON & CO., PRINTERS, KING STREET.

1856.

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The Committee purpose of assisting those who arrive from foreign countries as subscribers and publishers in 1855: and while the benefit has arisen from a very limited number of persons received, have proved their usefulness, and of James Mills, to whom we are indebted for the success that

The Committee feel interested in rescuing those who are anxious to know the truth and they know that that benevolent object

There are in this world the vile, who are enemies of innocence, and instances of the Committee, who have been made to ruin your object of this Association

FEMALE PROTECTION SOCIETY.

Toronto, April 17, 1856.

The Committee which was formed in the year 1854, for the purpose of assisting, by advice and otherwise, young females who arrive friendless in Canada, beg to lay before the subscribers and public the result of their operations for the year 1855; and while they have the gratification of feeling that much benefit has arisen from their organization, they regret that the very limited number of subscribers, and the small amount received, have prevented them from enlarging their sphere of usefulness, and of adequately remunerating their agent, Mr. James Mills, to whose zeal and energy they are mainly indebted for the success that has attended their exertions.

The Committee feel that the community, as a body, are deeply interested in rescuing the young and unprotected female from those who are anxious to seduce her from the path of virtue, and they know that they have succeeded, to some extent, in that benevolent object.

There are in this city, as in all large towns, the profligate and the vile, who are ever on the watch to entrap unsuspecting innocence, and instances have been brought under the notice of the Committee, where the most systematic attempts have been made to ruin young females, and which it is the principal object of this Association to prevent.

The Committee would impress upon the public, that all denominations are equally received under their protection, their object being to assist as large a number as possible, with their limited means.

The system adopted is, for their agent to attend on board each steamer, on its arrival in port, and ascertain if there are any females aboard who require protection, and at once to afford the assistance needed.

They have also authorised him to make arrangements with respectable lodging-house-keepers, to receive such young females as he may take to them, the committee becoming responsible for their board and lodging; thus preventing the necessity of their going to low taverns and grogeries, where so much vice and immorality prevail.

A registry is kept of all persons assisted by the Association, and the agent uses every exertion to provide them with respectable situations, in which there is no difficulty, as the demand for servants is generally greater than the supply.

In order further to facilitate the agent's operations, he has been authorised to open, under the auspices of the Committee, a Registry Office, where respectable persons of both sexes, wanting situations, or parties requiring servants, can, with confidence, apply.

The Committee are confident that the Association only requires to be known to command that attention which its importance demands, and when it is considered that the small sum of £200 per annum would place them in funds fully to carry out their plans, they cannot believe it will be withheld.

Their expenses during the past year have been greater than usual, owing to the high price of provisions, &c., and the consequent increase in the price of board.

Acting upon the conviction, that to prevent vice and immorality is much less difficult than to cure it when once committed, they feel it their duty not to relax in their exertions to protect the innocent from the way of the destroyer.

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The following are the statistics connected with the Association :

Return of Female Emigrants, who arrived in this city, and who were assisted by the Society, with dates of arrival, and from where, for Season ending 30th November, 1855—

June, from County Clare Workhouse, Ireland	77
Aug. " Limerick	15
Sep. " Wexford	94
Oct. " Meath	20

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A very small number of English and Scotch Emigrants who arrived this season were assisted by the Society, they being generally persons having means to supply their wants.

JOHN ARNOLD,

Chairman.

W. M. WESTMACOTT,

Secretary.

J. W. Brent, Treasurer, in account with the Female Protection Society.

Dr.	£	s.	D.
1855.			
Feb. 10. Balance in hand	13	8	3
Donation by G. W. Allan, Esq.	15	0	0
Grant from Corporation	50	0	0
Subscriptions collected by J. Mills, Agent	29	0	0
	£107	8	3

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1855			
Rent of office, balance, 1854	2	0	0
“ “ 1855	24	0	0
J. Mills, Agent, balance of salary, 1854	12	10	0
“ “ 1855	46	11	5
Colonist Office, printing		3	10
Support of Emigrants	18	12	6
Balance		0	4
	£107	8	3

J. W. BRENT,
Treasurer.

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Bishop of Toronto
John Arnold, Esq.
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Rev. Dr. Burns ...
H. A. Joseph, Esq
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Rev. Edwin Baldw
Judge Hagarty....
Rev. H. J. Grasett
C. Gamble, Esq...
John Harrington, E
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13	8	3
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AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

TO

FEMALE PROTECTION SOCIETY'S FUNDS

FOR 1855.

£	s.	d.
2	0	0
24	0	0
12	10	0
46	11	5
3	10	0
18	12	6
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£107	8	3

RENT,
Treasurer.

	£	s.	d.
Bishop of Toronto	3	0	0
John Arnold, Esq.....	2	10	0
Hon. Vice Chancellor Spragge.....	2	10	0
J. L. Robinson, Esq.....	2	10	0
G. W. Allan, Esq.....	2	10	0
O. Mowat, Esq.....	2	10	0
Rev. T. S. Kennedy	1	5	0
Ed. Shortiss, Esq.....	1	5	0
Fred. Perkins, Esq.....	1	5	0
Hon. J. H. Cameron	1	5	0
*Henry Rowsell, Esq.....	1	5	0
Rev. Dr. Beaven.....	1	0	0
W. M. Westmacott, Esq.....	1	0	0
A. Mercer, Esq.....	1	0	0
Chas. Magrath, Esq.....	1	0	0
Rev. Mr. Sanson.....	0	10	0
Rev. Dr. Burns	0	10	0
H. A. Joseph, Esq.....	0	10	0
Mrs. Samuel Ridout.....	0	10	0
Rev. Edwin Baldwin	0	10	0
Judge Hagarty.....	0	10	0
Rev. H. J. Grasett	0	10	0
C. Gamble, Esq.....	0	10	0
John Harrington, Esq.....	0	10	0
Grant from Corporation	50	0	0
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	£79	0	0

*In printing.