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REPORT OF CONVALESCENT HOME.

This Home was opened at Murray Bay 1st of July last, for the reception of delicate children, and women with sickly babes.

In presenting a report of the Home to Christian friends a grateful sense of God's goodness is acknowledged for the measure of success that has attended this feeble effort.

A small sum was realized the previous summer by a sale of children's work, to which were added Sunday School collections, total amount \$60.50.

With this small sum, and a few subscriptions sent by friends, a house was taken, and tickets purchased (which were given by the Steamboat Company at a reduced rate) for six young girls, a little boy, a young woman from the Hospital, and servant. A respectable woman with a delicate babe joined the above mentioned at the boat.

There were discouragements at the opening of the Home. The House was found in many respects unsuitable. There was continued rain for some days which prevented the children getting out of doors, and having been disappointed in obtaining a Matron before leaving Montreal, a feeling of anxiety was experienced; but as my eye rested on two texts that were hung on the parlor wall,

“The Lord will provide,”

“Trust in God.”

faith was strengthened and the comforting assurance was felt that the promise would be fulfilled, and that the Lord would provide a suitable Matron who would take a motherly care of the dear children, nor was this hope disappointed, as Mrs. Regan (the woman with a delicate babe) offered her services which were thankfully accepted.

The Ladies who visited the Home as well as myself, were much pleased with the faithful, and conscientious manner in which Mrs. Regan discharged the duties devolving upon her. The accounts were also very correctly kept.

The only other inmates received into the Home were two married women, one had two sickly children. The other was in a very delicate state of health. It is gratifying to state that all the invalids returned to their homes greatly improved in health.

The young girl who had been eleven months in the English Hospital had to be sent to Montreal two weeks before the Home was closed to have an operation performed on one of her eyes. Ladies kindly subscribed to have a new eye put in, which has been done, and she now enjoys better health and is applying for a situation. Sincere thanks are returned to those Ladies who kindly visited the Home, and took such a warm interest in this work of faith and labor of love. It was cheering and encouraging to have had your sympathy and assistance.

The Gentlemen's liberal donations and subscriptions are also most thankfully acknowledged. Nor would I forget the services of my friend Mrs. Doran who went down with us to assist in commencing the Home, and devoted the two weeks she remained at Murray Bay, to its organization. Being unable during that time from the state of my health to visit daily to conduct the morning and evening religious exercises, Mrs. Doran attended to this important duty, and the practical influence of such religious instruction and training was apparent.

In conclusion, I now desire dear Christian friends to commend the Invalid's Home to your prayers, your sympathy and support.

Do all for Jesus' sake, who has promised That even a cup of cold water given from love to Him shall not lose its reward. Is not our Saviour saying to each one of us? "Occupy till I come."

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Various branches of Christian work are presented. Time, talents, money, influence, are all the Lord's, let us use them for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and do good as we have opportunity to the poor and destitute around us; and in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

It will be gratifying to friends to observe by the financial statement, that over \$60 is lodged in the Saving's Bank to begin the Convalescent Home next Summer, and a house in every way suitable has been leased for three years which will accommodate over thirty invalids. It is therefore hoped that many more friends will come to our help in carrying out this Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. H.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN AID OF CONVA-
LESCENT HOME.

R. Wright,.....	\$5 00
Rev. Dean Bond,.....	5 00
Hon. C. Rodier,.....	5 00
T. M. Thompson,.....	10 00
D. Morrice,.....	20 00
Professor Tasker,.....	5 00
Mr. Ravenshill,.....	4 00
H. Watson,.....	4 00
G. Graham,.....	4 50
Mrs. P. D. Browne,.....	2 00
Mrs. Simpson,.....	2 00
Mrs. Drake,.....	1 00
Mrs. Claxton,.....	5 00
Mrs. G. Muir,.....	3 00
Mrs. Sewell,.....	2 00
Mrs. Reddy,.....	1 00
Mrs. Alexander.....	1 00
Mrs. T. McCulloch,.....	4 00
Mrs. S. Heward,.....	5 00
Lady Galt,.....	10 00
Mrs. John Ross, Quebec.....	10 00
Miss Ella Ross, Quebec.....	2 00
Mrs. Hossack.....	4 00
Mrs. Bethune,.....	1 00
Mrs. C. M. H.....	5 00
Collected in Sunday School,.....	13 45
Board received,.....	25 75
Board from Orphan Asylum,.....	20 00
Collected by Mrs. Doran,.....	17 00
Proceeds of Sale.....	86 00
Proceeds of Sale and collections of last year,.....	60 50
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent of House.....	\$72 00
House expenses.....	96 14
Girls' Wages and to Wash Women.....	13 50
Blankets, Sheeting &c.....	14 50
Shoes & Boots.....	5 00
Clothing for Children.....	24 07
Crockery.....	14 00
Charettes and Cartage.....	6 75
Travelling Expenses.....	30 00

 \$281 96

Balance on hand for work of next year.....	61 24
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MONTREAL, October 15th, 1874.

E. M. H.

DONATIONS RECEIVED.

From A. Force, Esq., 1 Barrel of Flour, 1 Barrel Oat Meal, 4 Gallons Coal Oil.

From D. Morrice, Esq., 1 small Tenet of Butter, 1 Jar Syrup, 6 lbs Sago, 2 Bottles Cod Liver Oil.

Medicines sent by Mr. Campbell.

1 Piece Grey Cotton sent by T. J. Claxton, Esq.,