

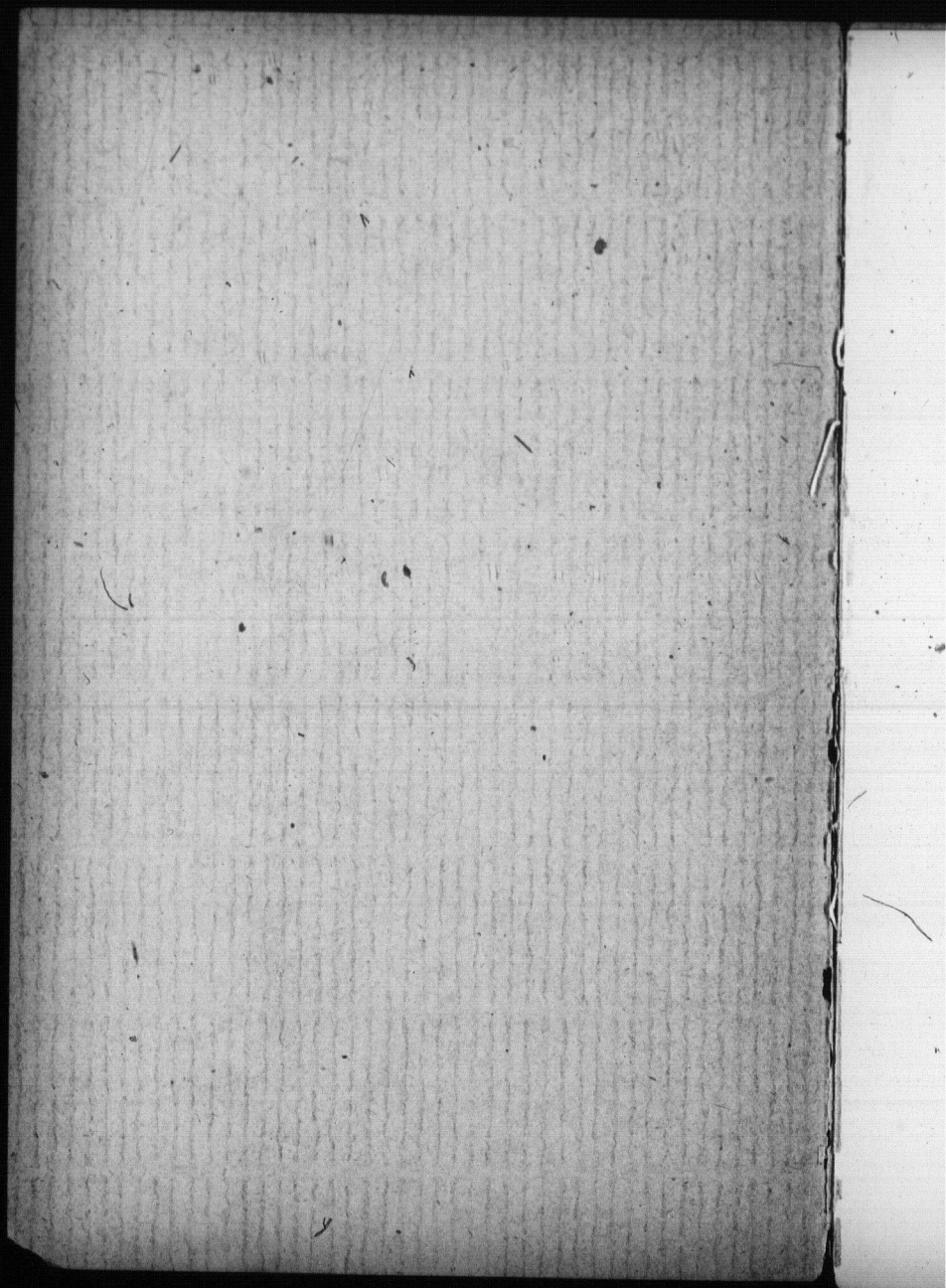
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Industrial Rooms

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
INDUSTRIAL ROOMS

MAY, 1890

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE—TREASURER'S STATEMENT—
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

MONTREAL:
"WITNESS" PRINTING HOUSE, ST. JAMES STREET.

1890.

OFFICE BEARERS.

Hon. President, Mrs. Redpath.
President, Mrs. Hague.
Vice-President, Miss Rintoul.

Treasurer, Miss Bancroft.
Secretary, Miss J. Macfarlan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

Lady Superintendent, Mrs. John McDougall.

Mrs. Jamieson,
 " Rielle,

Miss Todd,

Miss Forsyth,
 " Rintoul.

In charge of Stock | Mrs. Jamieson,
 Account Book Miss Forsyth.
 | Miss McDougall.

Examiners of Work, Mrs. Rielle,
 Work Book... .. Miss Rintoul.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Mrs. Hague,

Mrs. Bryson.

OUT-DOOR VISITORS.

Ladies of the Committee,
 " Cathedral,
 " Emmanuel Church,
 " Knox Church,
 " Dominion Sq. Meth. Ch.

Ladies' Association of St. Paul's Church
 " St. Andrews "
 Miss Allan, of the Young Women's
 Christian Association.
 Erskine Church.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Barclay,
 " Bryson,
 " Childs,
 " Corse,
 " Ewing,
 " Grant,
 " Hague,
 " Johnson,
 " Jamieson,
 " J. Edgar Hill,
 " Macrae,
 " S. Bell,
 " Leslie,

Mrs. Pringle,
 " McDonald,
 " J. B. McDonald,
 " McDougall,
 " Bovey,
 " Rielle,
 " Molson,
 " Nutter,
 " Redpath,
 " Reid,
 " Wilkes,
 " Norton,
 " J. Mitchell,
 " A. F. Gault,

Mrs. Fleck,
 " S. Finley,
 " Wood,
 " Fairie,
 " Fleet,
 Miss Hervey,
 " McDougall,
 " Rintoul,
 " Rimmer,
 " Todd,
 " Forsyth,
 " J. Macfarlan,
 " Bancroft,
 " E. Jack,

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INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

Once again it becomes our duty to give a report of the work done among the poor women of our city by the Ladies' Committee of the Industrial Rooms.

The sewing given out weekly has been distributed among one hundred and forty-two women, and \$3,800.04 paid them for the same; the various denominations of the applicants being as follows:—Presbyterian, 42; Methodist, 40; Episcopal, 38; Baptist, 9; French Protestants, 9; Congregational, 4.

The ever recurring question, How shall we dispose of the accumulation of coarse grey cotton goods? was again last autumn brought before our Committee. To try and bring this problem to solution it was decided to hold a meeting of city clergymen and members of their congregations interested in our work. This meeting took place at the House of Refuge on Monday afternoon, the 25th November; was presided over by Bishop Bond, and largely attended. Our object and mode of working was explained, especially in providing poor women with a means of earning support, and thus saving them from pauperism. Though all were agreed as to the necessity of realizing on the work done by the women, a satisfactory way out of this difficulty was not suggested. One result of having made our work better known, through this meeting, was an unusually successful sale of coarse stock at the Christmas Sale, bringing in, at a very needful season, \$1,276.63; this amount being almost double that realized at the former December Sale. However, though thus materially reduced, we have again on hand far too large a supply of

coarse underclothing, which consists of 679 men's day-shirts, 200 men's night-shirts, 164 women's skirts, 873 chemises, 490 night-dresses and 600 aprons. The season's work also includes a large amount of beautifully fine ladies' and children's underclothing made by capable needle-women. A great deal of this work is made to order, but there is always a supply at "The Rooms," which Mrs. Milne, our appreciated Superintendent, continues in charge of. Our stock of this fine underwear at present on hand consists of 670 garments. Although many garments of this grade are disposed of by ordinary sale at "The Rooms," 689 Dorchester Street, as should be well known, we largely depend upon the proceeds of the Annual Bazaar and Special Sale.

At this time there is no Bazaar to report on. Owing to the fact that for some seasons the Spring Bazaar has not been very successful, it was agreed by our Committee to reverse the order of Bazaar and Sale time. The Annual Bazaar will therefore be held in December, and the Committee trusts that the fancy-work then presented, in addition to the usual stock of underclothing, will meet with more ready sale at this, the holiday season. On account of this change, the churches, which so generously help us from year to year, will be asked for their collections in the autumn instead of in spring.

Our sewing women, as usual, received Christmas dinners, distributed from "The Rooms." Many poor families were thus provided with a good meal, for which the Committee here desires to thank those kind friends who generously contributed to the same.

The "Home" for Aged and Infirm, at Longue Pointe, has been visited during the winter months by members of the Committee and reported on. Early in March a special visit was made by the Committee, and the inmates given a supply of fruit and sweets; all seemed happy and comfortable, much appreciating the good things. The ladies were exceedingly gratified with the excellent order and good management of everything in connection with this establishment; they feel

they cannot be too grateful that such a comfortable home is provided for those whose age and infirmities prevent them from supporting themselves. The Committee would strongly advise all who have not visited this beautiful country home to do so, and see for themselves how well these poor and aged ones are cared for under Mr. and Mrs. McMillan's able superintendence.

We regret much to record the loss by death of two of our valued members of Committee, Mrs. Bisset and Mrs. J. C. Baker, both of whom have been for many years connected with the Industrial Rooms.

Most sincere thanks are here extended to the Editors of the *Gazette*, the *Herald*, the *Star* and the *Witness* for many favors during the past season; to the Manager Imperial Fire Insurance Co.; also to Messrs. Morton, Phillips & Bulmer, for printing, and to each and all who have in any way helped us in our work.

SARAH COUSINS HAGUE,
President.

JEANNIE MACFARLAN,
Secretary.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM APRIL 12TH, 1889, TO APRIL 3RD, 1890.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance on hand, April 12th, 1889.....	\$ 210 88	Paid Women for Work	\$3800 04
Amount received for Sales.....	5687 06	Mrs. Milne's Salary.....	595 00
Amount received for Work.....	488 44	Basket Woman's Commission.....	22 71
Christmas Sale at H. Society's Rooms.....	1276 63	Paid Materials for Work.....	4286 84
March Sale N. H. Society's Rooms.....	1008 95	Stationery and Advertising.....	40 19
Donation from C. & D. Savings Bank.....	150 00	Insurance.....	21 00
Interest on Savings Bank Account.....	11 63	Expenses of December Sale.....	22 45
Balance from Bazaar, 1889.....	20 35	Expenses of March Sale.....	24 80
		Petty Expenses.....	29 42
		Balance in hand.....	17 49
	<u>\$8853 94</u>		<u>\$8853 94</u>
ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Made-up Stock.....	\$2982 66	Accounts due by Rooms.....	\$2632 00
Unsent Material.....	2606 97	Balance of Assets.....	3897 63
Due Rooms.....	940 00		
	<u>\$6529 63</u>		<u>\$6529 63</u>

PROVIDENT AND GRATUITY FUND.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance in hand, April 12th, 1889.....	\$ 7 84	Paid Interest on Women's Accounts.....	\$ 1 75
Interest on Trust Money.....	30 00	Given Women in Small Sums.....	55 55
Donations.....	34 71	Balance on hand.....	15 25
	<u>\$ 72 55</u>		<u>\$ 72 55</u>
DONATIONS TO GRATUITY FUND.		DONATIONS TO GRATUITY FUND.	
Mr. Young, per Miss Forsyth.....	\$2 00	Miss Rintoul.....	\$4 00
Miss Finley.....	1 00	Mrs. Paton.....	1 00
Friend K. ".....	1 00	Miss Dawes.....	5 00
J. F. ".....	1 00	Mrs. Mackay.....	5 00
Miss Bancroft.....	1 00	Mrs. Redpath.....	5 71
		Total.....	\$34 71
		MARY BANCROFT, Treasurer Industrial Rooms.	

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

NAME.

This Committee shall be called "The Ladies' Committee of the Industrial Rooms, and of the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge."

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be two-fold :—

First.—As the Committee of the Industrial Rooms. (a) To provide employment in needlework to as many poor women as possible in their own homes, irrespective of age, nationality or denomination. (b) To visit these women in their homes, and one morning in each week to hold a mothers' meeting. (c) To sustain a Provident and Gratuity Fund, in order to encourage the workers to save their earnings, and to afford relief in extreme cases.

Secondly.—As a sub-committee of the Board of Management of the House of Industry and Refuge. To provide regular lady visitors, who shall inquire into the condition of the inmates regarding health, comfort, cleanliness and general well-being; and who shall make such suggestions, from time to time, as they may deem advisable for the greater efficiency of the institution.

OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEE.

The Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant-Secretary, to be elected annually, and of members chosen from Protestant Churches of all denominations. There shall be a separate Executive Committee of the Industrial Rooms, consisting of a Lady Superintendent, and members chosen from the General Committee.

MEETINGS.

The meetings of the General Committee shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month (unless there is good reason for a change), from October till May. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the first week of April, at which Reports shall be received, office-bearers elected, auditors appointed, and such other business transacted, as the interests of the work may demand. All meetings shall open with prayer.

DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

The President or Vice-President shall preside at the monthly meetings, and preserve order thereat. In the absence of the President or Vice-President, the Committee shall have the power to elect a substitute. The Treasurer shall have power to receive and take charge of the funds and to deposit the same in trust, for the Committee of the Industrial Rooms, in one of the Saving Banks of the city. She shall also present an annual statement to the General Committee. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the meetings, prepare and present an Annual Report, and perform all necessary duties of her office.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The General Committee (including President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretaries, of whom five shall form a quorum) shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the Association, with power to make such arrangements as shall increase the number, profit and interest of all its members. Anyone desirous to propose a new member shall give notice a month previous to election by ballot.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

Sub-Committees may be appointed from time to time for particular objects.

HONORARY-MEMBERS.

Honorary members may be elected at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present. They shall enjoy all the privileges of ordinary membership, except those of voting and of holding office.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Industrial Rooms shall meet every Friday morning at ten o'clock, for the purpose of giving out work, etc., and for the general transaction of business.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Lady Superintendent shall have the responsibility of regulating and managing the details of this department.

MODE OF APPLICATION.

Any person desiring work, shall bring a letter of introduction from her clergyman, or from some other responsible person, and apply on Friday morning between the hours of ten and twelve.

VISITORS.

All applicants shall be visited in their homes by ladies appointed to this work, who shall report on or before the following Friday, as to their need and circumstances, and these statements shall be duly registered.

NOTE.

No alterations or addition shall be made to this Constitution, without notifying the Secretary of the proposed change; the said notice shall be given in writing, and shall be presented to the Committee at the next general meeting.