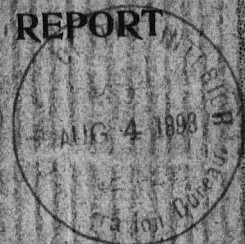


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## WOMEN'S Protective Immigration Society.

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The eleventh annual meeting of the Women's Protective Immigration Society was held at the Home, 84 Osborne street, on Monday, Dec. 12th, 1892. Mr Richard White was voted to the chair, and among those present were Dean Carmichael, Rev. Dr. Hunter, Rev. J. F. Renaud, Rev. E. McManus, Rev. W. S. Barnes, Messrs. D. A. P. Watt, James Gillespie, and T. A. Evans, besides a number of ladies interested in the work.

The Annual Report and Treasurer's Statement were presented to, and read by the Chairman, as follows:

### ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S PROTECTIVE IMMIGRATION SOCIETY.

The Managers of the Women's Protective Immigration Society have pleasure in submitting their eleventh Annual Report.

They are glad to be able to state that notwithstanding the drawbacks which might have been expected to retard emigration this season, the number of Immigrants who have passed through is larger than last year, and with very few exceptions, they have been of a respectable and industrious class.

#### STATISTICS.

213 Immigrants have been received at the Home during the season; of these 187 were English, 10 Irish, 6 Scotch, 7 Germans, 3 Swedes; 175 belonged to the Church of England, 5 were Presbyterians, 15 Roman Catholics, 5 Methodists, 2 Congregationalists, 5 Baptists, 8 Lutherans.

The large proportion of 119 of these young women went further West, availing themselves of the rest and comfort of the Home before continuing their journey.

111 Immigrants of former years returned to the Society and obtained situations through it.

9 parties under the care of Matrons came out during the season, 6 of which were from the United British Women's Association under the auspices of the Hon. Mrs. Joyce. 1 from the



Church Emigration Society through Miss Denison, 1 from the Rev. W. Bridger, and 1 party of children for the Belleville Home. 125 persons were included in these parties.

#### PROTECTED PARTIES.

The Managers earnestly wish to draw the attention of those interested in the subject of Emigration, to the great advantages enjoyed by young women who are thus protected during the voyage. Girls who have been watched over all their lives, are suddenly exposed to dangers and temptations by travelling alone and uncontrolled on board ship, and though the Society do their best to shelter and advise them on their arrival, infinite harm has often been done through the influence of undesirable acquaintances made during the voyage. Added to the moral advantages gained by making the journey with these experienced matrons, are those of increased personal comfort in the arrangements of landing and inland travelling.

#### DOMESTIC WORKING.

The Managers have as formerly, taken it in turn to superintend the domestic working of the Home, and still continue to place the utmost confidence in their Matron, both as regards her treatment of the Immigrants during their stay in the Home, and afterwards in placing them in suitable situations, but it is a source of regret to them, that owing to the largely increased extent of the Dominion and City of Montreal, so many girls drift out of their knowledge.

#### SYSTEM OF TRACING GIRLS.

To obviate this, a system has been adopted requiring the employer to sign a paper when the servant is engaged, promising to inform the Society three days before the servant leaves her situation. On receipt of this information the Secretary writes to, or sees the servant, offering to assist her in the choice of new employment.

On leaving the Home, the Immigrant is always encouraged to return in any case of trouble or necessity. Many take advantage of this permission, as may be seen by the statistics, and show an appreciation of it, which is gratifying to the Managers.

The Rev. J. Renaud, Emigration Chaplin, has been most prompt in meeting those of the newly arrived immigrants who belong to the Church of England at the Home. The Rev. J. McManus and the Rev. J. Patterson, City Missionaries for the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches have visited weekly.

These gentlemen have greatly aided the late Secretary, Miss Hall, in her praiseworthy efforts to seek for and reclaim any girls who have gone astray.

#### INSANE WOMEN.

Three young women of unsound mind have been sent back to England, free passages having been obtained for them through the kindness of the different Steamship Companies. It is neither right or humane to allow women afflicted in this way to emigrate, and any such case will in future be returned to England immediately, that they may not become a burden on the Institutions of the Dominion.

#### W. E. SOCIETY, QUEBEC.

The Society gratefully acknowledge the co-operation of the Women's Emigration Society in Quebec, and the assistance rendered to their Secretary by the agent, Mrs. Cornell, in facilitating the reception of Immigrants in Montreal by her timely notice.

#### MISS EVANS' DEATH.

It is with sincere sorrow that the Committee record the death of their valued friend and fellow-worker, Miss Janey S. Evans, who has fulfilled the duties first as Secretary and Treasurer, and afterwards of Hon.-Secretary-Treasurer for the Society ever since its establishment.

#### NEW SEC.-TREAS.

In consequence of Miss Evans' death, it has been found desirable to re-arrange the work of the Secretary and Treasurer and postpone the permanent appointment until the spring. The work being less arduous during the winter, it has been temporarily undertaken by an Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Treasurer.

The Managers regret extremely the retirement of Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Clouston from their Board.

#### PIANO.

Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. M. H. Gault, Mrs. Botterell and other friends, the piano which was supplied by Messrs. Willis, at a price considerably below its value, has now been paid for. A list of subscribers is annexed.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Dr. Kirkpatrick for his attention to the inmates during the past year, also to the officials of the Immigration Departments, Railways and Steamship Companies, for their continued courtesy and attention.

MARY F. GILLESPIE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12th, 1892.

*President.*

The chairman moved the adoption of the report and the financial statement, which was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, who said that from a patriotic standpoint the report was exceedingly gratifying, and the work should elicit the sympathy of all loyal men and women.

The motion having been carried, Dean Carmichael moved the following office-bearers for the ensuing year:

*President*, Mrs. Gillespie; *1st Vice-President*, Mrs. Elmenhorst; *2nd Vice-President*, Mrs. Botterell; *3rd Vice-President*, Mrs. Andrew Allan.

*Board of Management*.—Mrs. Hugh Allan, Mrs. E. H. Botterell, Mrs. Bernard Brackenridge, Mrs. John Cox, Mrs. Cramp, Mrs. Aspinwall Howe, Mrs. Edgar Hill, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mrs. Reuben Taylor, Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, and Misses Blaiklock and Macdonald.

\* In making the motion, the Dean said that there was no doubt a very large work to be done in this country, in view of the consolidation of its interests, in looking after the individual welfare of such immigrants as might come to our shores. He fancied that in times past the public generally had been somewhat remiss in their appreciation of the value of this peculiar kind of work, and he thought possibly the various churches had been remiss, but there was no question now that the public and the churches alike were beginning to wake up to the importance of the matter. It seemed to him that the more the Society looked after the welfare of the Immigrants remaining in this city, and the more it was brought into connection in some kind of way with the various religious denominations, the better it would be for the welfare of the Society itself, and certainly it would be for the benefit of the girls who placed themselves under it. He trusted that the Society, which had been admirably worked in the past, would go on in its good work and strive to meet the wants of all classes. If this country was ever going to be the country which we trusted it would be, it could alone become that country through co-operation. He thought that one of the wisest acts the Government of this country could do, would be to pour out of its treasury into the hands of those willing to look after Immigrants, ample means to strive and fill in some way this magnificent country, which God seemed to have made as a refuge for the overcrowded parts of the world.

The motion was seconded by Mr. D. A. F. Watt, who suggested that some effort should be made to try and get the right kind



of girl to come from England, under the right kind of protection. The large number of unsuitable girls who drifted here, were so many doves let loose in a cage of vultures. He thought that some supervision should be exercised outside, over the class of Immigrants coming here.

The Rev. J. F. Renaud said he was informed on all hands that the Immigrant girls who had come out this year, were of a better class than usual; there was that type of servant girl which was most desired in this country. He bore testimony to the faithfulness and earnestness of the late Secretary.

After a few remarks from the Rev. E. McManus, the motion for the election of officers was unanimously passed.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the chairman, on the motion of the Rev. J. F. Renaud, seconded by Dean Carmichael, and the proceedings terminated.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE PIANO

### WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING LADIES:

|                                                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Mrs. M. H. Gault.....                                  | \$ 40 00 |
| Mrs. Jack Allan.....                                   | 25 00    |
| Mrs. Elmenhorst.....                                   | 5 00     |
| Mrs. O'Brien.....                                      | 5 00     |
| Mrs. A. A. Allan.....                                  | 5 00     |
| Miss Margaret Allan.....                               | 5 00     |
| Miss McDonald.....                                     | 2 00     |
| Mrs. Murray.....                                       | 2 00     |
| Mrs. Barnard.....                                      | 2 00     |
| Mrs. Miles Williams.....                               | 2 00     |
| Mrs. Aspinwall Howe.....                               | 1 00     |
| Mrs. Brackenridge.....                                 | 1 00     |
|                                                        | <hr/>    |
|                                                        | \$ 95 00 |
| Proceeds of a garden party held by Mrs. Botterell..... | 100 00   |
| Society Funds.....                                     | 20 00    |
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|                                                        | \$215 00 |

The balance of the price of the piano, was generously donated by Mr. Willis.

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MONTREAL, 2nd December, 1892.

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