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NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

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MAGDALEN ASYLUM,

OR

FEMALE HOUSE OF REFUGE.

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JULY, 1863.

We now present our Ninth Annual Report to the public, and would bespeak for it a favourable notice. The results are as follows:—

Inmates on 1st July, 1862.....	18
Admitted since.....	69
Restored to Friends.....	7
Sent to Service.....	18
Escaped.....	5
Dismissed.....	4
Left of their own accord.....	19
Sent to General Hospital.....	1
Sent to Lying in Hospital.....	7
Inmates 1st July, 1863.....	22

Of those sent to service the greater number are doing well; a few have fallen and been again received into the refuge. Objection is made by many to re-admitting these unfortunate ones after a second relapse as tending to encourage them *in*, rather than to reclaim them *from* their evil courses. The managers are keenly alive to this objection; but how difficult it is to decide? When one, who has been in the Institution for many months, has behaved well and performed her allotted share of labour, and afterwards, having gone to a situation, has for several months done her duty, is met and overcome by her peculiar temptation, and then goes rapidly down till she is stript of every penny, every article of clothing:—when such an one, in her wretchedness and misery comes begging for admittance—even with the knowledge that once in the Refuge she will not be allowed to leave it for one or perhaps two years—how painful to refuse, more especially as you are but too sure that to deny her request is to send her to the street; perhaps to a fearful death. Each case must be judged of by itself, and while we would zealously guard our Institution against the imputation of fostering vice by

too great leniency, we would be careful lest by too great strictness and severity we hinder or completely prevent the reclaiming of any—recollecting “that there is joy in Heaven over *one* sinner that repenteth.”

We congratulate the patrons of the Institution on being the means this year of restoring seven lost ones to their relatives.

In the amount of work done by the inmates, a large increase has been made during the last six months,—the result in a great measure of introducing a new department of labour, viz. : taking in family washing. Many have availed themselves of this, either for a stated period, or temporarily, and there is no doubt that could a wash-house and laundry be built, this branch of remunerative labour would be both more profitable for the Institution and more healthy for many of the inmates who have not been accustomed to sit closely to needle-work. For the sum of \$400 this addition could be built, and also the accommodation necessary to classify the inmates be increased. Will not our benevolent friends and patrons give us this sum in addition to their ordinary subscriptions, and thus confer an invaluable boon on the Institution and inmates?

There are periods in the history of all benevolent societies when circumstances seem antagonistic to their well-being; and when those most deeply interested in their prosperity have cause to regret some regulations or some appointments which, though made with the greatest care and conscientiousness, have nevertheless been found to operate unfavourably; such a period has our Institution seen this last year. It is no disparagement to the character of any one having charge to say (after trial has been made) that he or she is not fitted for that particular situation. The superintendence of such an Institution as this requires a combination of such qualities and capabilities as are rarely to be found but in those long accustomed to the charge of similar institutions. Therefore, that we, in a country where these are yet in their infancy, should have been under the necessity of changing our matron twice within one year cannot, however unfortunate, be matter of surprise to any who will reflect on the difficulties of the position. Still we have reason to feel deeply thankful that, although we have had much to contend with, the results of the past year, as shown above, will compare most favourably with the preceding; and this being the case, we are encouraged to go forward in the path of duty with increased earnestness of purpose, trusting in HIM alone who can and will give the wisdom necessary to direct us.

On searching into the cases of the inmates, we find, in almost every one, that the great cause of their wretched condition is *intemperance*. This fearful scourge seems, unhappily, to be on the increase among the people. Dr. Guthrie says of it, (and his words might be applied to our country,) “In this country, blessed with freedom and plenty, the word of God and

the liberties of true religion, I charge it as the cause of almost all the poverty, and almost all the crime, and almost all the misery, and almost all the ignorance, and almost all the irreligion that disgrace and afflict the land. I do in my conscience believe that these intoxicating stimulants have sunk into perdition more men and women than found a grave in that deluge which swept over the highest hill tops—engulfing a world of which but eight were saved." As a powerful help in our endeavour to draw some from the downward path, let us have the *earnest prayers*, as well as the pecuniary assistance of our friends. "*Ye have not because ye ask not*, says the Lord; *Ask and ye shall receive.*"

Our thanks are due to Dr. Robinson, who for several years has most kindly given, gratuitously, his medical advice and attendance. Also to Dr. Berryman, who, in several cases more particularly connected with the General Hospital, has given his time and advice.

We would also gratefully acknowledge the kindness of those gentlemen who have attended to the religious services in the Refuge.

Also tender our sincere thanks to the Managers of the Bible and Tract Societies, for a donation of Bibles and Hymn Books; and to the manager of the Northern Railroad, Mr. Cumberland, for procuring and carrying firewood for the Asylum at a reduced rate.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS,

FROM JULY 1862, TO AUGUST 1863, INCLUSIVE.

COLLECTED BY MRS. DUNLOP AND MRS. MULHOLLAND.

Wm. McMaster & Nephew.	\$10 00	A. J. Fulton	\$2 00
Mrs. Milroy	2 00	James Michie	2 00
W. W.	1 00	E. J. Ritchie	0 25
Moffatt, Murray, & Co	4 00	J. Baylis & Co	2 00
A. C.	1 00	W. J. Finch	1 00
Gilraour & Coulson	5 00	Mr. Gunther	0 48
John Charlesworth & Co.	2 00	Betley & Kay	5 00
Hoskin & Cleland	4 00	Thomas & Arthurs	2 00
Wm. Thompson	2 00	R. Walker & Sons	4 00
John McDonald	10 00	J. E. Ellis	2 00
John Glass	2 00	Thomas Sargent	1 00
Gooderham & Worts	10 00	S. P. Coleman	1 50
P. Howland	2 00	Rollo & Adam	1 50
H. Lloyd	1 00	A Friend	0 50
W. Crowther	1 00	R. McPhail	2 00
John Hutchinson	1 00	J. G. Joseph & Co	1 00
C. A.	1 00	James Scott	2 00
T. A. W.	0 50	S. M. Sanderson	1 00
A Friend	1 00	James H. Rogers	2 00
Thomas Lailey	2 00	Mrs. Palmer	1 92
F. Heward	1 00	" Capt. Boyd	2 00
C. P. Reid	2 00	" Stayner	2 00
J. Young	2 00	" Alex. Manning	1 00
George Michie	4 00	A Friend	2 00
George Morphy	1 00	Mrs. Muttelbury	2 00
Mrs. Paterson	1 00	F. W. Coate	2 00
A. Mercer	4 00	Mrs. F. W. Coate	2 00
G. H. Wilson	2 00	Edward Lawson	1 00
T. G. Perkins & Co	5 00	Dickson, Logan & Co.	2 00
Parson Brothers	2 00	Thomas Lawson	1 00
A. Shack	1 00	Paul, Richmond & Co.	1 00
J. B. Boustead	1 00	Joseph Cawthra, Esq.	4 00
Cash	1 00	A Friend	0 50
Wallace & Burn	1 00	A Friend	0 50
John Henderson	2 00	Cash	1 00
V. C. Carpenter	2 00	Capt. Perry	2 00
Stanbury & Co.	2 00	Mrs. Woodside	2 00
Robert Wilkes	2 00	H. A. Joseph, for 1862	5 00
Wm. H. Dow	2 00	H. A. Joseph	10 00
John Grassick	1 00		
Thomas Hornibrook	1 00		
			\$180 55

COLLECTED BY MRS. McMURRICH AND MRS. KERR.

Mrs. McMurrich.....	\$5 00	Mrs. George Boomer.....	\$0 25
" Kerr.....	4 00	" George Denison.....	1 00
" Strachan.....	4 00	" Judge Harrison.....	4 00
" James Strachan.....	4 00	" Richard Denison.....	1 00
" Beaumont.....	1 00	" Dr. Workman.....	2 00
" M. Drummond.....	0 50	" Jas. McDonald.....	2 00
Mr. Allan Cameron.....	2 00	" Muter.....	1 00
Mrs. John Carter.....	2 00	" Loring.....	2 00
" J. J. Vickers.....	1 00	" Gunn.....	5 00
Lady Robinson.....	5 00	" Fitzgibbon.....	1 00
Dr. P. Diehl.....	2 00	" Black.....	0 25
Mrs. Mowat.....	4 00	" Awde.....	0 25
" Fuller.....	2 00	" Christie.....	1 00
Mr. David Buchan.....	5 00	" Rutherford & Marshall	1 00
Mrs. Trew.....	2 00	" Sibbald.....	1 00
Miss Pyper.....	1 00	" A. Crooks.....	2 00
Mrs. Fowler.....	1 00	" W. McDougall.....	2 00
" Dixon.....	1 00	" Angus Cameron.....	2 00
" John Robertson.....	1 00	" T. Boyd.....	1 00
" T. Mara.....	0 50	" Wedd.....	1 00
" Holcomb.....	0 50	" Killaly.....	1 00
" John Boulton.....	2 00	" Thompson.....	1 00
" L. W. Smith.....	1 00	" Bowes.....	2 00
" Crickmore.....	1 00	" Stephen Jarvis.....	2 00
" Cumberland.....	1 00	" Godson.....	0 25
" Perkins.....	5 00	A Friend.....	0 25
" Holiwell.....	0 25	A Friend.....	4 00
" Kidney.....	1 00	Mrs. John Thompson.....	2 00
" Bain.....	0 50	" Cathcart.....	2 00
" Kerr.....	0 50	Mr. Brown, (U. C. College)	1 00
" Clare.....	0 50	Mrs. John H. Cameron.....	3 00
" Judge McLean.....	8 00	" Henry Cawthra.....	1 00
" G. Hawke.....	6 00		
" John Duggan.....	2 00		
" T. Hamilton.....	1 00		
			\$128 10

COLLECTED BY MRS. BUCHAN AND MRS. SHAW.

Joseph Lesslie.....	\$4 00	Mrs. Rowsell.....	\$2 00
T. Dewe.....	1 00	Rev. Dr. Green.....	1 00
Edward Blake.....	5 00	Wm. McKee.....	1 00
Harper & Bro.....	1 00	D. B. Read.....	1 00
Jones Bro.....	4 00	James Campbell.....	5 00
S. H. Blake.....	5 00	W. Backus.....	1 00
E. P. Randall.....	0 50	F. W. Kingston.....	0 50
H. Thomson.....	2 00	J. Forrest.....	1 00
J. S. Howard.....	2 00	Donald Mathieson.....	1 00
W. McKenzie.....	5 00	Mrs. Broom.....	0 25
M. S. Rymer.....	1 00	J. Jennings.....	1 00
Fred. W. Jarvis.....	2 00	Jos. D. Ridout.....	1 00
A. McLean Howard.....	2 00	H. Hewitt.....	1 00
J. McNab.....	2 00	R. Jordan.....	0 25
G. D. James.....	1 00	John Wanless.....	0 25
J. Patton.....	1 00	Dodgson, Shields & Co.....	1 50
Brown Bros.....	0 50	W. P. Marston.....	0 50
Wm. Boyd.....	2 00	J. Ovens.....	0 50

J. Carless.....	\$1 00
M. Meagher.....	0 25
Miss Staunton.....	0 50
J. Severs.....	2 00
James McBride.....	1 00
Samuel Rogers.....	1 00
Mrs. Doel.....	1 00
" Topp.....	2 00
" Hope.....	2 00
Rev. Dr. Barclay.....	1 00
Mrs. Reford.....	0 50

Mrs. McBean.....	\$2 00
Dr. McIlMurray.....	1 00
D. G. Carnegie.....	1 00
Miss Paterson.....	1 00
Rice Lewis.....	1 00
P. Paterson & Son.....	1 00
A Friend.....	0 50
Miss Harrington.....	5 00
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COLLECTED BY MRS. ALCORN AND MRS. BRONDGEST, YORKVILLE.

Mrs. Dr. Bevan.....	\$4 00
" S. H. Blake.....	5 00
" Cloverton.....	0 40
" Rolla.....	0 50
A Friend.....	1 00
Mrs. Croft.....	2 00
" Brondgest.....	1 00
" Alcorn.....	10 00
" Haigue.....	1 00
" Reed.....	2 00
Cathrine Lennon.....	0 50
Mrs. Parker.....	2 00
" White.....	1 00
" G. Bostwick.....	1 00
" Bloor.....	0 50
" Roaf.....	2 00
Rev. Mr. Lavell, M. A.....	1 00
Mrs. Ewart.....	2 00
" Bell.....	1 00
" T. Hodgins.....	2 00
" Bacon.....	1 00
" J. Snelling.....	0 96
Rev. J. Richardson.....	5 00
Mrs. Stitt.....	1 00
" Brown, Clover Hill...	2 00
A Friend.....	0 48
Mrs. Keefer.....	2 00
" Telfer.....	0 50
" Blight.....	0 50
" Carruthers.....	1 00
" Brent.....	0 48
" Wood.....	1 00
" R. Moore.....	1 00
" Meyer.....	1 00
" James.....	1 00

Mrs. Torrance.....	\$1 00
" Davidson.....	2 00
" W. H. Burns.....	4 00
" Duncan.....	0 60
" Scott.....	0 50
" D. Crawford.....	4 00
" Cassells.....	5 00
Miss Brown.....	1 00
Mrs. Richards.....	4 00
" W. R. Ross.....	2 00
Mrs. Samson.....	0 25
A Friend.....	0 27
Lady Robinson.....	2 00
Mrs. James Henderson.....	2 00
" Fitzgerald.....	0 50
" Severn.....	2 00
Miss Price.....	1 00
Mr. Sleigh.....	0 48
Mrs. Gossage.....	1 00
" Cherryman.....	2 00
" Mr. Smith.....	0 25
" Gregg.....	1 00
" Homer Dickson.....	3 00
A Friend.....	0 20
Mrs. Monahan.....	1 00
" Brown, Rosedale.....	1 00
" Ross, (Hon. Jno).....	5 00
Miss Baldwin.....	1 00
Mrs. Bartlett.....	0 50
" Playfair.....	4 00
" Baldwin.....	2 00
Colonel Hamilton.....	1 00
Mrs. Moore.....	0 50
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COLLECTED BY MRS. HODGINS AND MRS. WATSON.

Mrs. Allan Howan.....	\$3 00	Mrs. Thompson Smith....	\$1 00
" Richardson	2 00	" Ellerby	1 00
" Wood	1 00	" Kingsford	0 47
" Smith..	0 25	" J. G. Walker	2 00
" Marcus Rossin	2 00	" R. R. Walker.....	2 00
" Brunskil.	0 25	" Scott	2 00
" Henry O'Brien	0 25	" Elliott.....	2 00
" Boddy.....	1 00	" J. G. Hodgin	2 00
" J. E. Ellis	1 00	" Galt	2 00
" I. Rossin.....	1 00	" Zimmerman.....	2 00
" Wm Jameson	0 50		
" McVittey	0 47		\$33 18

PAID DIRECT TO TREASURER.

Mrs. Paterson, Dundas....	\$5 00	A Friend per Miss Shaw..	\$1 25
Rev. S. Givins.....(\$1)	0 96	Mrs. Mulholland.....	2 00
R. Walker & Sons..	10 00	Mrs. Lesslie.....	5 00
Donation per Geo. Boomer,			
Esq.....	2 00		\$26 21

COLLECTED BY MRS. WATSON, (FOR LAST YEAR.)

Mrs. Thomas Ewart.....	2 00	Mrs. John Kerr.....	2 00
			\$4 00

DONATIONS.

Benj. Morris, butcher meat.	\$5 00	Mr. Coles, bread from time to time.	
Mr. Reford, 18 chickens, &c.		Mr. Rattray, do. do.	
Mr. Wickson, pigs heads and feet.		Mr. G. Hamilton, a lamp.	
Miss Harrington, 12 knives and forks.		Mr. Jos. Robinson, a clock.	
P. Paterson & Son, 12 knives and forks.		Mrs. Lesslie, fruit, vegetables, &c.	
Mr. Armstrong, a lot of cabbages.		Mrs. P. Freeland, 6 chairs and carpet.	
Mr. Jackson, 12 cups and saucers.		Bible Society, 24 bibles and 24 hymn books	
Mr. Geo. Scott, turnips and potatoes, 13lb. cheese, box crackers, &c.		Mr. Christie, 1 bbl. crackers.	
Mrs. John McDonald, a supply for patch-work, and vegetables.		Mr. Howarth, medicine.	
Mrs. Freeland, bell & china		Mr. Love, medicine.....	2 30
Fulton, Michie & Co., a quantity of fish.		Mr. Brampton, groceries...	0 50
Mrs. Alcorn, crockery, fruit and vegetables.		Geo. Robinson, a side of mutton and suet.	
		Dr. A. M. Clark, 3 bbls. apples	
		Mr. Metcalf, a pig.	
		Mr. Clewes, a tin dipper.	
		Mr. Carter, vegetables.....	0 40
		Buntin Bros. & Co., printing paper.....	5 45

Mr. Fisher, (weigh master,)
 light bread and butter.
 Mr. Chapter, medicine..... \$3 10
 Jackson & Hurd, a lot of
 crockery.
 A. M. Smith & Co., 1 cwt.
 sugar.
 Mr. Murphy, a large lot of
 beef.
 Mr. Anderson, (B. U. C.) a
 quarter of beef.
 A. Milligan, 1 bbl. apples.
 A. Friend, crockery.
 N. Johnson, 1bbl. spare ribs.
 Mr. Fleming, a lot of crockery.
 Mr. Thos. Haworth, garden
 spade and carver.
 Mr. Galbraith, a bag of flour.
 Mr. Bryson, a saw.

Wm. Ross, 100 lbs. of rice.. \$4 00
 P. Rooney, 3 diaper towels.. 0 50
 Boyd & Arthurs, sundries.. 8 00
 Howland & Fitch, goods... 3 50
 W. R. & J. Griffith, tea..... 3 50
 J. E. Smith, soap..... 4 00
 M. H. Borst, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton hard coal 3 63
 W. Myles, 1 ton coal..... 7 00
 H. J. Morse, & Co., do..... 7 00
 Childs & Hamilton, boots
 and shoes..... 3 00
 J. Fiskin, rock oil..... 5 00
 Harris & Bros., $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. brooms. 1 50
 Pollock, Leight & Co., needles. 2 40
 Gordon & Mackay, goods... 7 27
 J. G. Beard & Son, coal
 J. R. Armstrong & Co., dis-
 count on stove..... 15 00
 H. Piper & Bro..... 1 00

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FROM JULY, 1862, TO THE END OF AUGUST, 1863.

Dr.

Subscriptions for the year	\$572 40
Sums paid direct to Treasurer	24 21
Cash for work done	374 21
Cash for Board	16 00
Grant from Government	600 00
Do. City Corporation	400 00
Do. Council of United Counties	120 00
Exhibition Prize Money	4 00
Sale of Cow	8 00
Anonymous Donation per Rev. H. J. Grassett	100 00
Interest	20 51
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Balance due Treasurer per last account, viz:	
In Building Society	\$135 77
In Treasurer's hands	111 94
Salaries	744 79
Groceries and Provisions	144 56
Fuel	304 26
Clothing and Materials	344 93
Miscellaneous Accounts	15 25
Insurance	
Balance, viz: In Building Society \$343 16	
In Treasurer's hands \$52 17	
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	\$2239 33

Compared Vouchers with above statement and found correct.

26th September, 1863.

SAMUEL SPREULL.