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REPORT  
OF THE  
**FEMALE HOME SOCIETY**  
FOR THE  
TENTH YEAR  
OF THE  
**SEIGNEURS STREET HOME**  
AND THE SEVENTH YEAR OF THE SOCIETY.

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## NOTICE.

*(As advertised in the WITNESS ten days.)*

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The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Female Home Society will be held at the Home, 480 Seigneurs Street, (off Dorchester,) on Monday, the 13th of May, at 3 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

THOS. M. TAYLOR,  
President

Montreal, May 1st, 1878.

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President.—Mr. T. M. Taylor.

Committee.—Messrs. John McLennan, T. James Claxton, and Charles Alexander.

Secretary.—Mr. N. W. Trenholme.

Consulting Physicians.—Dr. Reddy and Dr. Trenholme.

Attending] Physicians.—Drs. Reed, Nelson, Alloway, Edwards, and Blackader, who may be called in as occasion requires.

Matron in charge of the Home.—Mrs. J. S. Gowan, whom see as to all ordinary matters concerning the Home. Mr. or Mrs. Taylor may be communicated with at 169 Drummond Street, upon any special business of the Home, or in their absence Mr. and Mrs. Claxton, and Mr. Chas. Alexander Upper University Street.

## REPORT.

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"THE HOME," Seigneurs Street,  
May 13, 1878.

A bare and brief record of the work of the Home for its Tenth Year is intended, just so far as necessary to keep up its published history. The period is for the year ending the 30th of April, 1878.

The usual books are on the Table, namely:

1. Register of Inmates.
2. Receipts of the Home.
3. Expenditure of the Home.
4. The Matron's Journal.
5. The Matron's Subscription Book.

These are open to general examination, excepting the first and fourth, which are examined only by the responsible managers of the Home.

The Inmates' Register shows the total number of inmates (including infants and children) from the beginning till now, to be 892.

This year, 88.

20 Infants and Children,  
9 Deserted Wives,  
10 Widows,  
27 Domestic Servants,  
1 Telegraph Operator,  
2 Governesses,  
2 Shop Girls,  
2 Factory Girls,  
1 Lady's Maid,  
14 No Occupation.

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88—being 68 Adults.

Of these were:

21 sent home to Parents,  
31 sent to Service,  
4 sent to Lying-in Hospital,  
1 taken by her sister to a Convent,  
1 stole the Cook's boots and left,  
2 were married,  
8 in Home.

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The Matron's Cash Books show the following results for the year :

RECEIPTS.

From April 30, 1877, to April 30, 1878.

Contributions .....	\$ 5 50
For Board .....	308 50
Work.....	73 80
Sales .....	7 00
Fees from Physicians and others.....	47 00
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	\$441 80

EXPENDITURE.

From April 30, 1877, to April 30, 1878.

Cartage .....	\$ 9 25
Groceries .....	176 50
Provisions .....	125 02
Beef, &c.....	140 26
Milk .....	32 27
Dry Goods.....	11 65
Wages and Repairs.....	94 85
Fuel and Light.....	25 15
Stationery and Postage .....	6 65
Furniture .....	5 20
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	\$626 80
Ba'ance due me last year .....	25 49
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	652 29
Receipts .....	441 80
Cash for household expenses from the President..	210 49
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	652 29

The Matron acknowledges the following donations from friends :

For Christmas, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, turkeys and Christmas cards; Mrs. T. M. Taylor, goose, turkey, and buns; Mrs. Capt. Durnford, Christmas cakes; Mrs. R. Brown, bag of potatoes; Mrs. Geo. Stephen, butter, fowls, and cream; Mrs. J. E. Pettingale, goose and marmalade; Mrs. Goff, cheese, etc., \$1.50; an old inmate \$4; Mr. J. E. Pettingale, box of biscuits, fruit and spices; Mr. Rough, buns; Mr. D. Morrice, ice; Kenneth Campbell & Co., drugs; Messrs. Dougall, *Witness* and *New Dominion*.

The Matron's Journal commences thus :

I pray for peace and prosperity, and that the power of Jesus may raise some souls here to life, and pray also that God would keep through His own name those whom He has already given us.

No. 805. Aged 20, from K—. Her aged father came to the Home and took her to her mother. I tried to persuade the old man to leave her here, as I saw how little of the way of salvation she could learn from such a

parent. When she cried, and felt ashamed on meeting him, "Dinna greet," he said, "mony a ane has done waur; get on your traps and co'le hame."

No. 806. One of Miss McPherson's girls, brought here by a former inmate, not as a fallen girl, but for shelter.

No. 807. Brought here by her mistress. Her seducer had promised to marry her. He would have done so at the Home, but, on their own account, I objected, lest it should be said of him he had married in a Home for fallen women. They were married at the Minister's, went to a friend's taking the child with them.

No. 810. Brought by her mistress from whom she had been stealing. Stayed in the Home some time, and is now in service, doing well.

No. 818. Sent by the Young Women's Christian Association of Quebec. Stayed four months, but not a hopeful case.

No. 831. A sad case of break-down from better circumstances; turned out badly.

No. 837. A young girl from this city. A factory girl, who had spent a year in the General Hospital. She offered to pay her expenses here, but, as her case was serious, I sent her to the Lying-in Hospital. Besides, she was very quarrelsome—one month she spent here being very uncomfortable for the others. The matron told me she had to send her away, she made so much mischief. When we have inmates like this one, bad, and only bad, every one in the house seems to be upset till she has gone from us. The annoyance some of these unhappy girls give us does not always end when they leave us. Silly questions are often asked and gladly answered to our detriment. A lady asked an inmate, who left lately, if Mrs. Gowan "pounded" the women. Fortunately, the girl happened to be a truthful and rather sensible girl, who was much amused at the question.

No. 838. A very interesting and hopeful case—one who, we believe, has received the truth.

No. 841. Advised to come to the Home by a former inmate—was well behaved, and has returned to her friends.

No. 848. Sent here from Toronto—another hopeful case.

No. 849. A case of much interest—former companions enticed the girl away. I sent to the country for her father, who met her at the Home, and with whom she returned to her own home. The father writes that she is doing well, and he is very grateful to us on her behalf.

No. 850. Another encouraging case—a girl who was sent here by one who, years ago, sent several—good Dr. H.

No. 851. An inmate of nine years ago, who, being out of a situation, came to stay a few days at the old Home.

No. 854. Sad case of a widow fallen into sin. Stayed two months, and then left for her friends in the country.

No. 855. Came here from another institution. Finally left here with her father, and is now at her home.

No. 857. Sent here from the House of Refuge, remained three weeks, and then was sent to the Lying-in Hospital.

No. 863. Another sent from the House of Refuge—well behaved and grateful.

No. 866. Restored to her grandmother.

No. 869. From Brockville.

No. 878. From Toronto.

No. 883. An inmate formerly—now come to stay a few days while out of service.

No. 887. A Roman Catholic girl—very quiet. Her sister persuaded her to go to the Convent, so she left us.

No. 888. Another sent from the Refuge.

No. 889. One who first came here nine years ago, and has been here eight times for short periods, having no other home when out of place.



The seed has been sown prayerfully another year. It may grow. "They serve who wait." There has been success, and there has been failure, and now, as I close the tenth volume of my private journal, I thank God for the great peace I have enjoyed this tenth year of my sacred trust. We have had many kind, cheering visits from early friends, among others Mrs. T. M. Thomson, who has been long in Europe, also Major Malan, who established my heart to continue this work he asked me to take over ten years ago, charging me to "forget the things which are behind, reaching forth unto those things which are before, and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus." Truly this angel visit of our dear friend has been blessed to me.

THE FEMALE HOME SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH MR. TAYLOR.

Dr.			
1878.			
May 1.—Balance owing to him by Report of last year .....			123 75
Paid Mrs. Gowan.....	200 00		
Baker, &c. ....	94 00		
Water accounts, 1876 and 1877...	42 90		
Printing, &c.....	30 00		
Fuel .....	90 00		
Plumber .....	9 00		
Registration, &c. ....	4 00		
Cleaning yard, &c. ....	3 00		
Insurance .....	21 83		
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Paid Matron balance of expen- diture over receipts at the Home.....		210 49	705 22
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Cr.			828 97
Less received from			
Rev. Mr. Squire.....	4 00		
Louis Barrett.....	5 00		
Mrs. G. Browne.....	5 00		
Mrs. Utting .....	4 00		
Proceeds one share Merchants' Bank Stock .....	69 00		
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Balance owing May 1, 1878, to T. M. T.....			741 97
Agreeing with his business books.			

The amount of stock now held for the Society in the Merchants' Bank, is sixteen shares of one hundred dollars each.

We have to-day been informed that the two thousand dollars bequeathed by the late Mr. Benaiah Gibb to the Home, will be paid to us within the present month.

*Extracts from Letters of Inmates and others to the Matron.*

No. 854. "I am still staying with my friend, who is very kind to me. I do not think she ever suspected me \* \* \* ; but I assure you if I was not suspected my conscience has troubled me enough. It has been a good lesson to me that I shall never forget, and in years to come it may be of benefit to me. If I had got a situation right away, I would have been more apt to forget my wrong doings. I feel as if God was punishing me in this way. You have often told us the way of the transgressor is hard. I believe it is so."

No. 815. "I cannot begin to tell you, Mrs. Gowan, how much I have thought of you since I came home. I think every event that transpired while with you has passed before me, and I have had opportunity to think and realize more about your Home than I did while remaining there; while there my sole thought and object was to get out of my trouble and come back to friends. Your work and mission has indeed been a great one. I think sometimes what a chapter you could read us from your experience. I have many sad moments still. \* \* \* Just six weeks to-day since you went out and had baby buried. How glad and thankful I am that it is within a kind Father's fold. Were it not it would be a living death to me. It all seems like a dream, yet I know it is a stern reality. \* \* \* I think it time you and Dr. H. should enjoy a picture acquaintance, if you cannot see each other, as you each judge each other by a high standard.

From the one who loves too well but not wisely. (So says Mrs. Gowan.)

A kind note from the Port Chaplain of Quebec, accompanying No. — addressed to Mrs. Gowan *only*.

Letter from mistress of No. — :

"I am sure E— will never forget your kindness. I think your suggestion is indeed wise. God bless you, dear Mrs. Gowan, in your work. Thank you again for the loving interest you are taking in E."

From a lady in Quebec :

"Again I send you a poor girl who needs shelter and help, of a kind which is not supplied in our city, and hope your efforts in her case will be blessed.

From the same lady as to another :

"As I have informed you before, there is no place in Quebec to send her to, so we must avail ourselves of your excellent institution, and burden you with the care of one more unfortunate. I hope she will reach Seigneurs Street in safety. I know that, if once there, she will be cared for, both soul and body. With kindest regards, and wishing you God-speed, in your work, Yours sincerely."

Letter from Mrs. B—, of Knowlton Home, accompanying a sad case of a girl received from the one Home into the other.

From a mother :

"I shall never forget your kindness to her (the daughter) when in your Home."

No. 854. \* \* \* "Thanking you for your kindness shewn to me when in your quiet Home, I shall ever feel grateful."

Letter from the Steward of the Montreal General Hospital, informing Mrs. Gowan of the death of a former inmate of the Home, who had been engaged to go from the Home as a nurse to the Hospital, and who had done very well, and had died from disease contracted in the faithful discharge

of her duty there. She is named and referred to with kindness and appreciation in the present year's report of the Montreal General Hospital.

Letter from Ottawa, from Dr. McR., for information as to the organization and working of this Home, for suggestion and guidance as to a proposed Home for that city.

THE HOME, March, 1878.

"I am leaving the Home, and wish to thank you for your kindness and christian advice, during my twelve weeks stay here, and God helping me I will endeavour to lead a better and a more true life. I have a christian mother and older sister and I think their earnest prayers have been answered. I am leaving in perfect health and am very thankful. I hope and pray the lesson I have learned from my first fall will be a life's lesson."

*Dr. Reed, Attending Physician, reports* "one difficult and complicated case. The mother however recovered perfectly, but the child was still-born. This woman before leaving the Home sent the medical attendant, unsolicited, a letter of profuse thanks for skilful and kind attention."

*Dr. Nelson, Attending Physician, and a member of the Society, in his report says, after reporting a complicated case :*

"A patient of mine, now a respectable married woman, and mother of a family, was formerly an inmate of the Home, where she was confined by me about four years ago. \* \* \* A case of this kind, where the direct results of the noble work of the Home are seen, must surely be encouraging to you as its President—particularly to our good friend Mrs. Gowan—and all the members of the Society. My patient must certainly have had confidence in us, or she would never have returned to my hands. Wishing the Home all the success it so fully deserves."

The foregoing may suffice to shew the nature of the work of the Home, which has, without trouble from without, and, as usual, without trouble from within, been permitted this year to carry on its difficult work with some measure of God's blessing. Mrs. Gowan is still encouraged therein, and continues the work in dependence upon that same blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor expecting to be absent from town for part of the coming year, desire to say that Mr. and Mrs. Claxton and Mr. Charles Alexander will afford the Home any oversight, and Mrs. Gowan any assistance and counsel that may be needed.

We much regret to have need to add that Mrs. Gowan has told us, since the meeting, that, owing to the claims of a married daughter upon her, she may feel constrained to surrender her post in September next, and go to the United States to reside with that daughter. Should she be obliged to do so, however, she has suggested an arrangement, satisfactory to us, by which the resident management of the Home could be carried on till May next. And, if then, Mrs. Gowan should be unable to return, the duty of filling her place—a matter of no ordinary difficulty and responsibility—will be imposed on the managers of this Home.