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The Managers of the Magdalene Asylum have very great pleasure in stating that the past year has been another very favorable one in the history of this institution, (now in the seventeenth year of its existence), and they desire, from the cheering experience of the past, to record their unhesitating testimony to the usefulness of such "Homes." And, while reviewing the labors of the year, they would devoutly thank the Giver of all good that they have it in their power, by reason of His blessing, to lay before their friends and the public a report of cheering results. For though they were obliged by circumstances to change the matron, who had been with them for four years, yet being so fortunate as to secure the services of one who had been for some time in the position of sub-matron in the "Home," its efficiency has been, and we trust, will continue to be maintained.

On the 1st January, 1869, there were in the "Home" 26 inmates. Since then 41 have been admitted, making a total of 67. Of these 13 were sent to service, 2 to homes of their own, 1 died, 1 was dismissed, and 21 left of their own accord after a short trial—leaving 29 in the "Home," 1st January, 1870.

In no year have so many of those sent to service done so well and given so much satisfaction to their employers. Seven of them continue faith-

ful, and give every reason to believe that they will persevere in the path of duty. A few who, after some months of good service, had yielded to temptation and fallen, have returned to the "Home." This last, though in one view, very discouraging, in another, is a decided proof of the benefit done to them by a residence in the "Home." It affords evidence that though they may be weak, and thus fall under strong temptation, still they are not content to remain so, but would rather return to the "Home," and spend another probation of twelve months. We give the following extract from a letter to one of the committee from a friend in the State of New York, to whom we had sent one of our inmates about four months ago:—"I am very much pleased with E. We think her a good servant, and would be glad if you could send us several others like her." Another lady says, "I never had my work done better." And similar testimony has been given by others.

The two who went to "homes of their own," last spring, have done, and are continuing to do well. One of them had been a wife and mother, and her home, principally through her misconduct, had been made unhappy and disunited, and it was finally broken up. Now, however, husband, wife and children, are all together again in a most respectable dwelling, and prospering in their various engagements. The other, with one child, is making a comfortable living for both. Surely these are most gratifying results, and call for much thankfulness on the part of those interested in the reformation of the fallen. And yet these results, very satisfactory though they be, are but as a drop out of the sea of misery, degradation and sin which exists in Toronto. Oh! that at least professing Christians would wake up to the work to be done for Christ that lies all around them, and lend a helping hand, and bring a willing heart to assist in rescuing some from the destroyer. The influences which seem the most powerful in leading so many girls to ruin are, a love of dress and gay company, and one other which quickly follows—a love of stimulants. Might not much be done to correct this if in all Christian homes a deeper interest were taken in the true well-being of the domestics, and they were kindly guided somewhat in these matters. And it ought to be a most powerful inducement to try to do something for those depending on us, that our kind and loving Saviour considers all such efforts for good as done to himself, and is pledged to reward them. And only think for one moment who is thus pledged, even He

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to whom the whole world belongs, and who died that we might live. Let none be discouraged by the amount of evil seen on all sides, but prayerfully and trusting in the Lord's help, try to do something, however little, for the perishing.

Last summer, a most respectably dressed woman called on Mrs. D. to tell her how prosperous she had been since she left the "Home" about eight years ago. She was then in town to add about \$30 to some former savings, and could not resist the desire to see some of the committee and express her gratitude to them. Another, who has for some years contributed to the funds of the institution, said the other day: "I am now six years out of the "Home," and the Lord has kept me all that time from yielding to temptation." And there are many others known to the managers who are now respectable members of society—the fruits of labours of former years.

The amount of work done by the inmates during this year is about \$800. In this connection, we would desire to reply to some strictures in an otherwise highly favorable article on the "*The Magdalene, its inmates, how they live and what they do,*" which appeared in the *Telegraph* a short time ago, and for the insertion of which we thank the proprietors of that paper. The writer quotes the rule with regard to the manner in which the day is apportioned by all inmates who are in health: that they shall rise at 5 a. m. in summer, and 6.30 a. m. in winter. Before leaving their rooms, they shall open their windows and spread out their bed-clothes, then assemble for family worship and breakfast. After that, make the beds, and then proceed to daily work. At 12 dinner, and return to work till 5 p. m.; tea and recreation till 6; from 6 to 8 work, then family prayer—after which they shall retire to rest." And then reasons that this is severe and unsuitable, inasmuch as it is monotonous and does not afford sufficient excitement to the class of persons subjected to it; and suggests such amusements as drafts, backgammon, chess, a library of entertaining books, and music. Now, we would reply, first—that this rule, though on the card with the others, and hung up in the hall of the "Home," is not rigidly carried out in these two points. They do not rise so early, and they do not work after six o'clock except for themselves. Furthermore, they have a small library, and books are lent to the institution, from which some one reads to the inmates while they are at work almost every afternoon. They have Saturday almost wholly to themselves, besides every pub-

lic holiday, and these last are generally made feast days; while at the same time they are allowed to enjoy themselves in any innocent way they choose within the grounds of the institution. A melodeon we do hope to have when our funds will admit of the expense. Other amusements, such as those indicated, we are opposed to. We aim at making them good servants, and would deprecate teaching them any habit in the "Home" which might seriously interfere with their usefulness as domestics. Then, every summer, the inmates are all invited out to spend the day at the residence of some kind friends in the country, who, with some others interested in their welfare, do their utmost to make them happy, and they do thoroughly enjoy it. In this way we try to bring about a healthy state of mind and body, and at the same time fit them for doing well their part in the world at large. We are most anxious to have a new "Home" for them—a building adequate to the wants of the institution—our present one, as mentioned in last report, being very old, and in many respects unsuitable either for comfort or classification. Last year we were enabled to fund a thousand dollars for that purpose, and this year, through the continued liberality of our friends and the public, we are in a position to add such another considerable sum as to warrant the hope that at no very distant day we shall commence building. With this most desirable object in view, we are quite sure our friends will continue to extend to us their hearty co-operation, remembering that "he that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." Our hearty thanks are again tendered to those kind friends who so untiringly and faithfully attended to the religious needs of the "Home," and also to Dr. Robinson for his unwearied attention to their bodily ailments as well as their spiritual good. May the Lord abundantly reward their labors, and make them a blessing.

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Mrs. Dr. Burns.....	5 00	" Fraser.....	1 00
" Hume Blake.....	5 00	" R. H. Gray.....	1 00
" D. Mackay.....	5 00	" F. H. Marling.....	1 00
Messrs. J. G. Joseph & Co.....	3 00	" J. Laidlaw.....	1 00
Mrs. Casey.....	2 00	" Henderson.....	0 70
" Bain.....	2 00	" Ellis.....	0 50
J. B.....	1 00	" Van der Smissen.....	0 50
Mrs. J. Lash.....	1 00	" Smith.....	0 50
" Livingston.....	1 00	A Friend.....	0 40
" Edmonson.....	1 00	Mrs. Burnham.....	0 25
" McCracken.....	3 00	A Friend.....	0 20
" Raines.....	1 00	Mrs. Porter.....	0 20
" Buell.....	1 00	" Inglis.....	0 35
" Cameron.....	1 00	" A. Blachford.....	0 50
" Stitt.....	1 00	" Paul Kane.....	0 50
" Baker.....	1 00	" McCord.....	2 00
" Stack.....	1 00	Rev. John M. King.....	2 00
" Wm. Griffith.....	1 00		
" Smith.....	1 00		
" Bowes.....	1 00		
			<u>\$56 60</u>

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COLLECTED BY MRS. ALCORN.

Mrs. Roaf.....	\$2 00	Mrs. Barrett.....	1 00
" Parker.....	2 00	" Kersteman.....	1 00
" Alcorn.....	5 00	" Reid.....	1 50
" Macpherson.....	4 00	" Dr. Bevan.....	4 00
" Ince.....	2 00	" Davidson.....	1 00
" Croft.....	2 00	" Henderson.....	2 00
" J. A. Boyd.....	1 00	Lady Robinson.....	2 00
" Buchan.....	5 00	Mrs. McKay.....	1 00
" Moss.....	3 00	" Crawford.....	4 00
Miss Price.....	0 50	" Gunther.....	4 00
Mrs. D. Davidson.....	1 00		
" J. Watson.....	1 00		<u>\$53 00</u>
" Cherryman.....	2 00	N.B.-- Mr. Robinson, Druggist, of	
" Geo. Morphy.....	1 00	Yorkville, in drugs.....	\$3 50

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COLLECTED BY MRS. PATRICK FREELAND AND MRS. S. F. McMASTER.

Donations in Goods.

Chapter & Owen, medicines.....	4 00
J. Coombe.....	3 00
J. Edwards, goods.....	1 50
Alexander Rattray, bread.....	1 00
S. F. McMaster, goods.....	2 00
	<u>\$11 50</u>

Subscriptions.

S. Stanton.....	1 00
Mr. Doel.....	1 00
James Morrison.....	0 50
Dixon Bros.....	1 00
Ph. Jacobi.....	0 25
John Young.....	0 50
William Taylor.....	1 00
R. C. Bothwell.....	2 00
J. W. Gale.....	1 00

John Taylor.....	0 50
Wm. P. Marston.....	1 00
James Venn.....	1 00
The Bazaar.....	0 15
A. Kent.....	0 25
J. Bland.....	0 25
Mrs. Jennings.....	1 00
" Russell.....	1 00
" J. H. Richardson.....	2 00
W. C. Morrison.....	1 00
John McCausland.....	1 00
A Friend.....	0 25
David Buchan.....	5 00
Hunter, Rose &c.....	2 00
Wm. Wilson.....	0 50
James M. Rogerson.....	0 50
Dr. Uzziel Ogden.....	1 00
J. P. Wagner.....	1 00
Mrs. G. Fry.....	0 50
" J. Atkinson.....	0 50

Goods.

.....	\$2 00
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Mrs. M. A. Thomas.....	1 00	Wm. Burke.....	1 00
“ Garvin.....	1 00	Dr. J. Agnew.....	1 00
“ Brooke.....	0 50	Mrs. Smith.....	0 50
Wm. H. Dudley.....	1 00	Mrs. Hobbs.....	0 60
Clark Bros.....	1 00	W. S. Stibbs.....	1 00
George Loveys.....	1 00	Nerlich & Co.....	1 00
Mrs. Clap.....	0 40	Dodgson, Shields & Co.....	2 00
John Withrow.....	1 00	Mrs. P. Freeland.....	1 00
Dr. C. B. Hall.....	1 00		
John P. Bond.....	1 00		
W. Iredale.....	0 50		\$46 15

COLLECTED BY MRS. THOMAS W. TAYLOR.

Mrs. Fowler.....	\$0 50	Mrs. Middlemiss.....	0 50
A. Bell.....	0 50	“ Fergusson.....	1 00
Mrs. Webb.....	1 00	“ Douglas.....	1 00
“ Shipway.....	0 50	“ Thompson.....	0 25
Brimstin & Bro.....	0 25	“ Burns.....	0 50
Smith & Wills.....	1 00	“ Martin.....	0 25
D. Gourlay.....	0 50	Edward Beckett.....	1 00
D. Prentice.....	0 30	Mrs. Rose.....	0 50
Mrs. Piddington.....	0 25	Miss Skinner.....	1 00
Mr. Jaffray.....	1 00	Mrs. Taylor.....	2 00
S. M. & Co.....	0 50	In sums under 25 cents.....	2 40
Mrs. Copley.....	0 50	A Friend.....	0 25
Mr. Bethell.....	0 50	Mrs. W. B. Butler.....	1 00
R. Merryfield.....	0 60	“ Muirhead.....	1 00
W. Holmes.....	0 48		
Mrs. Aikens.....	1 00		\$31 03
“ Stewart.....	1 00		
Mr. A. Macdonald.....	1 00		
Mrs. A. McMurchy.....	1 00		
“ Bartlett.....	0 50		
Mr. H. Latch.....	1 00		
Mrs. Rowell.....	0 75		
M. V.....	0 25		
Toronto Tea Company.....	1 00		
Mrs. D. Forbes.....	0 50		
W. L. D.....	1 00		
W. Millichamp.....	1 00		

In Goods.

John Boxall.....	\$5 00
Mrs. Ward.....	0 50
Mrs. Rattray.....	1 00
Robertson Bros., a quantity of bis- cuit.....	1 00
	\$7 50

COLLECTED BY MRS. GEORGE DUGGAN.

Mrs. John Baldwin.....	\$2 00	Mrs. Duggan.....	4 00
“ E. Baldwin.....	4 00	“ C. Davidson.....	1 00
“ Gooderham, sen.....	2 00	“ Strachan.....	0 50
“ H. Gooderham.....	1 00	“ J. Morphy.....	1 00
“ G. Gooderham.....	2 00	“ S. Stayner.....	2 00
Mr. DeGrassi.....	1 00	Mrs. W. B. Robinson.....	1 00
Mrs. Clarkson.....	2 00	“ Clarke.....	4 00
Miss Heliwell.....	2 00	“ J. G. Worts.....	2 00
Mrs. R. T. Gooderham.....	1 00		
“ J. Ross.....	1 00		
“ W. R. Cumming.....	1 00		\$34 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c., PAID DIRECT TO TREASURER.

Mr. Fisher (Ontario Bank).....	\$5 00	Cash from former Inmates.....	4 45
Dr. Riddel.....	2 00	Cash for Fruit sold.....	4 45
Mrs. Paterson, Dundas.....	5 00		
Mrs. Parker, Dundas.....	5 00		
Treasurer's Subscription.....	5 00		\$30 90

Mrs. Night
A Friend
Mrs. Edwi
“ Mitch
“ Fran
“ Norri
J. P. McC
Thomas L
Mr. R. Mo
Miss Moor

A Friend
Mrs. D.
Mr. Du
Mrs. Ja

Mrs. Be
Mr. Gib
Mrs. Da
Mrs. Ke
Mrs. M
Miss Ba
Mrs. Gu
Mr. Sm
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Mrs. J.
Mrs. Jo
Mrs. Fi
Robt. V
George

T. B. F
“ Mose
Mrs. D

COLLECTIONS—MISS MOORE AND MISS BALES.

Mrs. Nightingale.....	1 00	Mrs. Dingle.....	1 00
A Friend.....	0 20	Mr. Shepherd.....	0 50
Mrs. Edwin Snider.....	1 00	Mrs. Isaac Robinson.....	1 00
“ Mitchell.....	1 00	“ N. Maughan.....	1 00
“ Franklin Jackes.....	1 00		
“ Norris.....	0 25		
J. P. McCartney.....	1 00		\$12 95
Thomas Lackie.....	1 00		
Mr. R. Moore.....	1 00		
Miss Moore.....	2 00		

Donation.

Capt. E. Snider, two bushels potatoes.

GENERAL DONATIONS.

- A Friend—1 barrel salt beef.
- Mrs. D. L. Macpherson—1 sheep and bag of vegetables.
- Mr. Duffy—1 sheep.
- Mrs. James Lesslie—2 barrels apples, 1 turkey and vegetables, and 13 bush. Seed Potatoes.
- Mrs. Beardmore—2 geese.
- Mr. Gibson—1 goose.
- Mrs. Dain—Large roast of beef.
- Mrs. Kerr—1 goose.
- Mrs. Mathers—Christmas Cake.
- Miss Bales.—Christmas Cake.
- Mrs. Gunther—2 geese and vegetables.
- Mr. Smith—2 bags flour.
- Mr. Griffith—Dried fish.
- Mrs. J. G. Hodgins—Nuts, raisins and milk frequently.
- Mrs. John Macdonald—Fruit and vegetables.
- Mrs. Fiske—Vegetables.
- Robt. Wilkes, Esq.—Christmas presents to each inmate.
- George M. Hawke, Esq.—A sheep, 80 lbs.

DONATIONS OMITTED FROM LAST REPORT.

- T. B. Bird—100 lbs. beef.
- “Moses,” the Blind Basket Maker—Basket, \$1.50.
- Mrs. Deyner—Quarter mutton.

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ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY, 1870.

DR.	\$ c.	CR.	\$ c.
To Balance from last year.....	1,434 00	By Groceries and Provisions.....	700 78
“ Subscriptions and Donations	954 44	“ Clothing and Material	281 91
“ Grant from Ontario Government	480 00	“ Salaries	249 46
“ “ from York County.....	100 00	“ Insurance	29 25
“ “ from City Corporation	800 00	“ Improvements in Premises	97 12
“ Gross Proceeds of Labour	794 11	“ Fuel	154 50
“ Cash from former inmates	4 45	“ Miscellaneous Accounts	324 48
“ “ for Fruit sold	4 45	“ Balance in Building Society, viz:—	
“ “ for Interest	89 58	For Building Fund.....	\$2,000 00
		“ Current Expenses.....	717 39
		Cash in hand	106 14
	\$4,661 03		2,823 53
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Audited and found correct, showing a balance of \$2,823 53 to the credit of Account

A. CHRISTIE,
AUDITOR.

Toronto, February 15, 1870.