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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
HOME FOR THE AGED.

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REPORT.

IN presenting the first report of the "Home for the Aged," it may be necessary to give a brief outline of its origin, in addition to the progress and result of the scheme during twelve months of its existence. The intention of the founders of this institution, was to provide a comfortable home for persons above the necessity of receiving direct charity, yet of means too limited, to enable them to live in that condition of life to which they had been accustomed under more prosperous circumstances. Like many kindred institutions it was viewed by many as unnecessary, visionary and impracticable. Notwithstanding these and many other discouragements, those who saw the necessity for such an institution, presented the subject with its claims before our adopted fellow citizen William Murdoch, Esq., who generously placed at their disposal in March, 1860, the sum of \$4,000, provided they could raise enough to commence in June following. A meeting was held on the 23rd of March, at the residence of Miss Cogswell, Argyle Street, at which J. W. Nutting, Esq., presided. The subject was discussed; and it was decided to take the steps necessary for accomplishing their object; collecting funds, securing a house, naming the minimum sum for the admission of inmates, and the appointment of a Committee for carrying out the proposed plan.

Their success exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Dr. Parker, Charles Murdoch and Edward Binney, Esqrs.,

were appointed Trustees, and on the 26th June three inmates were comfortably located in Gottingen Street in the house known by many as the "Golden Ball," and which, for some time, had been used by Mr. Marriott as a Training School. A General Superintending Committee was then formed, out of which Special or Standing Committees were taken—called Domestic Managing Committee, Financial Committee, Visiting or Religious Committee, and Committee on Admissions.—There are at present eight inmates.—No vacancies by death or withdrawal have taken place among the boarders, but the sudden death of an excellent servant from Small Pox has been the cause of deep regret to the Committee and also to the Matron, who more fully appreciated her valuable domestic services.—The report of the Domestic Managing Committee has hitherto been very satisfactory. Mrs. McKie having fulfilled her duties not only with due attention to the good order of the Establishment and comfort of the inmates, but with the most scrupulous economy.

The report of Visiting Committee states that some of the inmates expressed heartfelt thanks to their Heavenly Father, for having put it into the hearts of his people to provide such an asylum for the aged. This Committee have been able to supply regular Sabbath services, and have continued their meetings for devotional exercises. It is to be hoped that they may not fail in this department. Hitherto they have been indebted to laymen as well as clergymen, and the inmates consider it a very great privilege thus to come together as a family around the domestic altar. Those who cannot leave the "Home" are thus furnished once a week with an opportunity for worship; and all may find instruction and edifica-

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tion by thus meeting together around the mercy seat of their Father in Heaven.

It is unnecessary to multiply words in commendation of this Establishment. After twelvemonths experience the circumstances in which it is found speak more forcibly in its favour than any arguments that we could advance. The rooms are all occupied, and although there have been new applicants, none have been received owing to the want of accommodation. The stairs have proved a disadvantage. A building of two stories occupying a larger area, with more rooms on a flat, would be more desirable, but such cannot be found at present. It is to be hoped that a generous public will, by increased liberality, enable the Trustees to provide a more commodious dwelling with all modern improvements before the expiration of another year, so that a larger number may be accommodated with small additional expense.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the following gentlemen and ladies who have contributed so largely to the furnishing of the Establishment:—Messrs. Thomson & Esson, Messrs. McEwan & Reid, Mr. William Fraser, Mr. W. Brand, Messrs. Boggs & Co., Messrs. J. & E. Longard, Messrs. Gammell & Tupper, Mr. J. D. Nash, Mr. Cleverdon, Mr. H. Lawson, Messrs. McMurray & Co., Mr. W. Neal, Mr. J. H. Starr, Mr. G. H. Starr, Mr. W. Ackhurst, Mr. J. Stairs, Mr. E. K. Brown, Mr. James Hunter, Messrs. Scott & Co., Mr. J. Scott, Mr. J. A. Bell, Mr. Joseph Bell, Mr. Joseph Bennett, Mr. Charles Cook, Messrs. Black & Brothers, Mr. B. Crow, Mr. Silver, Mr. Black, &c., Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. Liddell, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Murison, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. E. Binney, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. E. K. Brown, Miss Vass, Miss Boggs, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Moore, &c.

The Committee would likewise acknowledge the generous kindness of those ladies that contributed to the good cheer at Christmas, who, whilst enjoying the bounties of a kind Providence themselves, were not neglectful of those less highly favoured, but allowed their sympathies to go forth and impart joy and gladness to the hearts of those who, separated as they have been from those nearest and dearest to them, can yet appreciate these expressions of friendly sympathy.

Acknowledgements are also due to Dr. James Hume for gratuitous professional services.

The current expenses during the year have been £225 9s. 5½d., or \$901.89. The balance, £37 6s. 3d., or \$149.25 will we trust be augmented by voluntary subscriptions. Let no one suppose that we shall not require the continued aid of the public. If they look at the Treasurer's account they will perceive that we need all the addition which our present list of subscriptions and donations furnishes.

RULES

For the Regulation of the Committee

AND GOVERNMENT OF

"THE HOME FOR THE AGED."

ORDER OF PROCEEDING.

1st. The meetings of the Committee shall be opened with prayer precisely at the hour named. The Secretary shall begin the business of the day by reading the minutes of the preceding meeting. Reports of Committees shall then be received, and, if not presented, must be asked for by the person presiding, after which unfinished business shall be called up and any new business brought forward.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

2nd. At the first meeting of the General or Executive Committee, after the annual meeting, the following named Standing Committees shall be appointed:—Admission Committee, Domestic Managing Committee, Visiting Committee, and Financial Committee. Four members constitute a quorum.

ON MOTIONS.

3rd. Every motion when made shall be stated from the chair, and upon being seconded the chairman or person presiding shall ask if the members are ready for the question, which being assented to, the vote shall be taken. One subject shall, if possible, be settled before another is brought forward. No new member shall be admitted to any Committee unless by the vote of the General Committee.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

4th. The General or Executive Committee shall consist of the members of all the Special Committees, and, they shall in their collective capacity, consult for the good of the Institution and hold their meetings quarterly.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

5th. It shall be the duty of this Committee to inquire into the necessities and character of those seeking admission, and keep a register in which shall be entered the name, age, birth-place, former residence and date of entrance of all inmates. *Terms of Admission*:—1st. No person under sixty years shall be admitted, unless by a vote of the majority of the General Committee, who may also be authorized to admit inmates on such terms as the pecuniary condition of the Association or circumstances of any particular case may seem to demand. For the present it will be required as a general rule that not less than £10 annually shall be secured by the party or parties making application. 2nd. Furniture and other articles brought into the "Home" by or for permanent inmates are to remain for the benefit of the Association. 3rd. Those who have any property are required to secure the same to the Institution before they are admitted. In case of their obtaining property after their admission, if they remain in the "Home," it will also be necessary to make it over to this Institution.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

6th. This Committee shall solicit subscriptions and donations to defray the current expenses of the Institution during the present, and, if necessary, future years.

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VISITING COMMITTEE.

7th. This Committee shall make it their duty to see that family worship is regularly maintained, and do all in their power, by reading and prayer, for the spiritual welfare of the Establishment. They shall visit alternately, and enter the day and hour of each visit in a book kept for the purpose in the public room.

DOMESTIC MANAGING COMMITTEE.

8th. They are to superintend, direct the Matron, keep a good supply of nutritious food, and require that it be prepared as circumstances may demand. They are to inform the lady who furnishes supplies to provide fuel at a season when it may be purchased at a moderate rate. They are to attend to the repair of all furniture, table and bed linen, keep a supply of towels suitable for the Housekeeper's Pantry and Kitchen, with an inventory of the same. This Committee should meet at intervals of a month to consult regarding their mode of action for each quarter. Two of their number should visit the "Home" at least twice a week to provide and report such things as are needed for the comfort of the "Home." Any complaint arising from neglect of duty on the part of the Matron must be referred to the General Committee at the quarterly meeting, and be settled by them collectively. One of their number should preside when in Committee, take minutes in writing and report their proceedings at the meetings of the General Committee.

SECRETARY.

9th. The Secretary shall keep a memorandum of all monies, with a list of names of subscribers, donors and articles contributed, take minutes of General Committee meetings, and receive reports of all Special Committees.

TREASURER.

10th. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and deposit the same at a bank in her name as Treasurer, make payments of bills after they have been duly attested by the General Committee, and keep account of all receipts and expenditure. She shall furnish a monthly abstract of her receipts and expenditure, and of the balance remaining in her hands.

DUTIES OF THE MATRON.

11th. The Matron shall keep the house neat and orderly. She shall be particular in attending to the preparation of all food, especially for the sick, preside at all meals, ask a blessing and return thanks, unless prevented by indisposition. Then one of the inmates will be expected to officiate for her at table and conduct family worship morning and evening. She shall also attend to the safety of the "Home" by going round at ten o'clock, after the inmates have retired, to see that all unnecessary lights are extinguished. It will be expected of the inmates to inform the Matron when they are going out and at what time they intend returning. She shall keep an account of all donations in furniture that may be presented to the Institution through her, with the names of donors and the date of entry.

12th. All monies shall be paid to the Secretary.

13th. Physicians are expected to give their services gratuitously.

14th. Friends may visit the inmates from two o'clock until five P. M., except in cases of extreme illness, then at any hour suitable for the convenience of the patient.

FORM OF BOND:

I, (or We,) promise to pay _____
 Secretary of the "HOME FOR THE AGED," the sum of *Ten*
Pounds currency per annum, half yearly in advance, for
 _____ so long as she continues to be
 an inmate of the said "HOME."

(SIGNATURES.)

COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST YEAR.

Mrs. R. F. Uniacke,
 " Thomas Jardine,
 " J. Sprague,
 " T. Crisp,
 " H. Pope,
 " J. A. Bell,
 " Jairus Hart,
 " T. A. Anderson,
 " ——— McLay,
 " Saml. Gray,
 " E. K. Brown,
 " G. Drillio,
 " G. H. Starr,
 " ——— Sweet,
 " James Liddell,
 " Edward Binney,
 " John Johnston,
 " Charles Twining,

Mrs. Charles Murdoch,
 " S. Selden,
 " Peter Ross,
 " R. W. Fraser,
 " S. Tremain,
 " J. Cogswell,
 " Wm. Cunard,
 Miss McLay,
 " M. Murison,
 " Hierlihy,
 " Darby,
 " Charlotte Lawson,
 " Charlotte Creighton,
 " Stansfield,
 " Cogswell,
 " Nordbeck,
 Sub Treasurer.
 " Forrester, Secretary

COMMITTEES FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

Domestic Managing Committee.

Mrs. Sweet,
 " McLay,
 " J. Hart,
 " P. Ross,
 " R. W. Fraser,
 " Pope,
 " E. Brown,
 " Anderson,
 " Gray,
 " Liddell,
 " Charles Murdoch,
President.
 Miss Nordbeck, *Purchaser.*

Committee on Admissions.

Mrs. Uniacke,
 " G. H. Starr,
 " J. Liddell,
 Miss Cogswell,
 " Charlotte Lawson,
 Mrs. C. Twining,
 " J. Johnston,
President.

Financial Committee.

Mrs. Murdock,
 " P. Ross,
 " R. W. Fraser,
 " Pope,
 " Crisp,
 " E. K. Brown,
 " Drillio,
 Miss McLay,
 " A. Creighton,
 " Coyle,
 " Forrester,
 Mrs. Anderson.

Visiting Committee.

Mrs. E. Binney, *President.*
 " G. H. Starr,
 " Sweet,
 " Selden,
 " Murdoch,
 " E. Brown,
 " Pope,
 Miss C. Creighton,
 " Hierlihy,
 " Starr,
 " Fozzard,
 " Darby.

TRUSTEES.

D. McN. Parker, Esq., M. D.
 Charles Murdoch, Esq.
 Edward Binney, Esq.

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Donations & SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Anderson, A. T.	£ 5 0 0	Cunnabell, Mrs. J.	£ 3 1½
Albro, Edward	5 0 0	Caldwell, Mrs.	1 3
Almon, Mrs. senr.	1 0 0	Crawford, Mrs.	2 6
Akmon, Dr.	1 5 0	Child A	1 3
Allen, Mrs.	1 3	Davies, Dr.	1 0 0
Archibald, Mrs.	1 10½	Drillio, Mrs. G.	1 0 0
Binney, S. N.	5 0 0	Drillio, Mr. G.	5 0 0
Binney, Mrs. Edward	1 5 0	Dawson, Benjamin	15 0
Brown, Mrs. E. K.	1 5 0	DeBlois, Miss	1 5 0
Brown, Mrs.	1 0 0	Dorey, Mrs.	1 3
Black, M. G. senr.	2 10 0	Doe, Miss	1 3
Boak, Robert junr.	1 0 0	Doull, Mr. John	3 0 0
Byers, Mr. J.	3 1½	DeWolfe, Mr.	1 0 0
Barss, Mr.	2 0 0	Duncan, Mrs.	1 3
Bowes, Mr.	2 6	Drysdale, Mrs.	5 0
Brawdy, Mrs.	1 6	E. W. Miss	2 6
Bonnell, Mrs.	2 6	Ellis, Mr.	2 6
Blackwood, Mrs.	1 3	Esson, Mr.	5 0
Bigby, Mrs.	2 6	Frost, Mr.	5 0 0
Barnstead, Mrs.	2 6	Forrester, Mrs.	1 0 0
Bessonett, Mrs.	3 9	Fraser, Mrs. R. W.	1 0 0
Bell, Mr. W.	2 6	Fraser, Miss	10 0
Belcher, Mrs.	5 0	Fenerty, Mrs. James	5 0
Bayne, Mrs.	2 6	Findley, Mrs. William	5 0
Burmister, Mrs.	1 0 0	Fairbanks, Mrs. W. B.	10 0
Billup, Miss	2 6	Fletcher, Mrs.	2 6
Creighton, Mrs. G. A.	1 0 0	Fraser & Marshall	10 0
Creighton, Miss C.	5 0	From two ladies	5 0
Cogswell, Miss Emma	5 0	From a gentleman	5 0
Creighton, Mrs. W.	6 3	Friend A	5 0
Connell, Mrs.	1 0 0	" "	5 0
Cogswell, Dentist	6 3	Old Lady's	10 0
Cunard, William	10 0 0	Friend A	5 0
Creighton, Mr. H.	2 6	" "	1 3
Calkin, Mrs.	2 6	" "	1 3
Cook, Mrs.	5 0	" "	1 3
Clarke, Mrs. Nepean	5 0	" "	1 3
Cogswell, Miss M.	2 6	" "	1 3
Creed, Mrs.	10 0	" "	1 3
Creighton, Mrs. P.	5 0	" "	1 3
Cunningham, Miss	1 0 0	" "	5 0
Coyle, The Misses	5 0	" "	2 6

Friend A	£	1	3	Murdoch, Mrs. C.	£	1	15	0
" "		1	3	McLean & Campbell		1	0	0
" "		1	3	Mott & Son		1	0	0
" "		1	3	McNab, Miss		1	0	0
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" "		1	3	Mulgrave, Countess		1	0	0
" "		1	3	Morrow, Mr. James		1	0	0
" "		2	6	Muirhead, Miss		2	6	
" "		1	3	Mitchell, Miss		10	0	
" "		2	6	Malcom, Mr. James		5	0	
" "		1	3	Millar, Miss		2	6	
" "		1	3	Maxwell, Captain		2	6	
" "		1	3	McNab, Mrs.		1	3	
" "		5	7½	McGill, Miss		1	3	
Gray, Mrs. Samuel	1	0	0	Merkel's housekeeper		1	3	
Galligher	1	0	0	Northup & Sons	10	0	0	
Gray, Mrs. George	5	0	0	Nordbeck, Mr. Peter	1	0	0	
Grant Mrs.	1	3	0	Noble, Mrs.	5	0	0	
Halliburton, The Misses	10	0	0	Nugent, Mrs.	2	6		
Hart, Mrs. Jairus	1	0	0	Pickford, Mrs. C.	3	1½		
Hamilton, Mr.	7	6	0	Roach, Mrs.	1	0	0	
Hewlett, Mrs.	5	0	0	Ross, Mrs. Peter	1	0	0	
Harvey, Mrs.	3	9	0	Robinson, Mrs. Joseph	10	0	0	
Heffernan, Miss	5	6	0	Robinson, Mr.	6	3		
Hunter, Mrs. C. D.	1	0	0	Roehe, Mrs.	2	6		
Harris, Mrs.	7½	0	0	Ross, Miss	2	6		
Harris, Miss	2	6	0	Reynolds, Mrs.	2	6		
Hutton, Mrs.	1	3	0	Reynolds, Mr.	7½	0		
Johnston, Mrs. John	1	0	0	Romans, Mrs. John	9	4½		
Jennette, Mrs.	3	1½	0	Ryan, Mrs.	6	3		
Johnston, Mrs.	5	0	0	Ross, Mr. David	5	0		
Johnston, Mrs. George	6	3	0	Raye, Mrs.	5	0		
Jordan, Mrs.	2	6	0	Smith, Captain W.	10	0	6	
Jennings, Mrs.	1	3	0	Sweet, Mrs.	1	0	0	
J. R. M.	10	0	0	Stansfield, Miss	1	0	0	
King, Mrs.	1	3	0	Smith, Mr.	5	0		
Lawson, Miss Jane	1	5	0	Scott, Revd. John	1	0	0	
Lawson, Miss	5	0	0	Swartz, Mr.	2	6		
Lawson, Miss J.	1	5	0	Stirling, Dr.	1	0	0	
Lawson, Miss J.	12	6	0	Stirling, Mr. & Mrs. Sawers	1	0	0	
Lawson, Miss J.	1	0	0	Stirling, Mr. T.	1	0	0	
Lawson, Miss Jane	1	5	0	Smith, Mrs.	3	1½		
Lawson, Miss Annie	2	6	0	Scofield, Mr.	3	1½		
Liddell, Mrs. James	5	0	0	Smith, Mrs. George	2	6		
Littleton, Captain	1	0	0	Symonds, Mrs.	3	9		
Longard, Mr.	2	6	0	Smith, Mrs.	3	9		
Lithgow, Mrs.	6	3	0	Sprague, Mrs.	5	0		
McLearn, Richard	5	0	0	Shelcut, Miss	1	3		
McKinlay, Andrew, senr.	5	0	0	Silver, Mr. John	2	6		

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Twining, Mrs. Charles	£ 1 0 0	Wier, Mrs. B.	£ 1 5 0
Thomson, Miss E.	5 0	Woodill, Mr. J.	10 0
Thomson, Mrs.	5 0	Whytal, Mr. John	6 3
Thompson, Mrs. J. S.	5 0	Wilcox, Mrs.	2 6
Tremain, Mrs. R.	2 6	Webb, Mrs.	5 0
Taylor, Mrs.	3 1½	Woodill, Mrs.	5 0
Tueker, Mrs.	13 9	Wilson, Mrs.	1 3
Uniacke, Rev. R. F.	1 5 0	Welsh, Mrs.	2 6
Uniacke, Mrs. R. F.	1 5 0	Woodill, Mrs. R.	1 3
Vass, Miss	5 0 0	Woodill, Mrs. Thompson	10 0
Van Buskirk, Dr.	5 0	Woods, Mr.	2 6
Veith, Wm.	5 0	Woodgate, Arthur	10 0
Veinott, Mrs.	7½	X. Y. Z.	4
Wright, Charles	10 0		
Williamson, Mrs.	1 10 0	Total	£179 9 11½

MONIES INVESTED.

William Murdoch	-	-	-	-	£1000
Miss Cogswell	-	-	-	-	250
Thos. C. Kinnear	-	-	-	-	100
Edward Binney	-	-	-	-	100
Mrs. G. H. Starr	-	-	-	-	25
Dr. Charles Cogswell	-	-	-	-	25
Dr. Parker	-	-	-	-	25
Carpenter's Society	-	-	-	-	25
					<u>£1550</u>

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the "HOME FOR THE AGED,"
From June 1860 to June 1861.*

Received in Interest	£ 16 0 3
Received in Donations and Subscriptions	176 9 11½
Received Board from Inmates—June '60 to June '61	67 10 0
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	£263 0 2½
Furniture, Carpets, Stores (for house)	£22 0 0
Rent, for house	60 0 0
Matron's Salary	20 0 0
Wages to Servant Woman	12 0 0
Water and Gas	7 5 0
Coals and Wood	20 0 0
Sawing Wood and Labor putting in	1 17 6
Longard, Smith & Mitchell and Phelan & Kelly's accts. for Stove and Water Pipes	9 11 5
Provisions, Groceries, Soap, &c.	73 0 0½
Balance Cash in hand carried to credit	37 6 3
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	£263 0 2½
By Balance to Credit of Institution	£ 37 6 3

A. NORDBECK, Treasurer.