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For the year beginning April 1st, 1879.

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2ND DIRECTRESS:

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MRS. CLARE.

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MISS WILKES.

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MISS MAUFIE.

MANAGERS' BUSINESS MEETING:

Wednesday at 10.30 at the Home, 508 Guy St.

### REPORT.

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

The Committee of the Protestant Infants' Home have much pleasure in laying before the Public their Ninth Annual Report and tender their grateful thanks to the many kind friends and patrons, whose liberality has enabled them to carry on the work of the Institution, through a period of unusual difficulty. The almost unparalleled commercial depression, under which the country has laboured during the past year, has had a marked effect upon our finances, and the immediate prospect of an empty Treasury, has more than once, given rise to anxiety and discouragement, on the part of the Committee. We are thankful,however, though our balance on hand is very small, to be able to commence another year free from debt.

To those, not intimately acquainted with the workings of the Institution, it may not be out of place to mention some of the objects it has in veiw Founded in January, 1870, and incorporated January, 1871, the Protestant Infants' Home was established to fill a very important place, not occupied by any of the numerous charities of Montreal, viz. to provide a Home, where destitute and neglected children of tender years could be sent and properly cared for. In a report like this it would be impossible to specify the different cases it receives within its sheltering walls, suffice it to say, that not only children who have lost both parents are provided for, but also the children of indigent widows, or those, whose parents, by sickness, poverty, or other causes, are without means of supporting them. Last but not least, the Institution provides a Home for the illegitimate

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children of Protestant mothers, for whom there is no refuge but the Grey Nunnery, and by employing the mothers as nurses, endeavours to encourage and strengthen the tie that binds them together. In these cases, we insist, as far as practicable, upon the mother coming into the Home with her child, and where we cannot persuade her to do so, urge upon her, the duty of contributing something towards its support.

The purchase of the property, of the late Dr. Carpenter having been completed in the early part of the year, the Home was removed from Notre Dame Street, to Guy Street, in the month of May, an event, the Management have much satisfaction in recording. To the healthier situation, and better sanitary arrangements of the new premises, we attribute the marked improvement in the health of the inmates. For the Ladies Committee also, the locality is far more convenient, their frequent attendance, and constant oversight, being so necessary, for the successful working of the Home.

At the commencement of our year, in April 1878, there were 36 children in the Home; since then 65 have been admitted, making a total of 101. Of this number, 43 have been removed by parents, or friends; 5, having attained the age of five years, have been transferred to other Institutions, (Protestant Orphan Aslyum, 1, Ladies Benevolent 1, Hervey Institute 3,) and 17 have died.

Six children have been adopted during the year, and we must acknowledge, that the placing of these little ones in comfortable homes, where they can receive the individual love and care so necessary for their welfare, is the most satisfactory, and encouraging part of our work. Since the opening of the Institution, 51, have been thus provided for, by respectable and responsible parties. Our interest in these children does not cease when they are removed from our care, as we communicate from time to time, with those who take charge of them. Only the other day we received a most gratifying letter from a benenvolent lady, who recently took a friendless little one to fill a vacant place in her home, in which she not only assures us of the health and happiness of the child, but adds "he is already the idol of the house."

The death rate, it will be observed has been unusally low, the more surprising when we take into consideration the deplorable

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condition of some of the children, when we receive them. More than one infant has been brought to the Home by the police, found in the street, or rescued from the arms of a drunken parent, and several have come in hopelessly ill, the result of poverty, exposure, and illtreatment. It would be impossible to enumerate the variety of cases that come under our notice; each has its individual interest, but poverty and wretchedness are always the prominent features. The funds at our disposal are so limited, and the applicants for admission so numerous, especially during the winter months, that it is a difficult task to determine which the are the most deserving cases, and we are sometimes forced to refuse help to those, we would otherwise gladly aid.

With the exception of a government grant of \$400, the Home is entirely dependent upon voluntary subscriptions for support, and these, during the past year, as previously mentioned, have fallen very far short of their usual amount. Indeed in the early part of the winter, we feared, for lack of funds, we should have to close our doors against any new applicants, but a kind Providence raised up friends in our need, and so far we have continued the work and kept out of debt.

Though the strictest economy is practised, our expenses are, and always will be, heavy; the care of so many young children necessitating, as it does, a large number of nurses, we have a very extensive family to provide for. We again appeal to the generosity of our citizens for assistance. The Home has many friends and supportors, but it needs many more. Those who read these lines, and have as yet, given nothing to this noble charity, we would earnestly remind that their aid could never be more timely than now. Let those willing to help us, follow the generous impulses of their hearts by sending subscriptions to the Treasurer, Mrs. Ault, 143 Stanley Street.

We have much pleasuse in stating, that H. R. H. Princess Louise, at the solicitation of the Committee, has graciously consented to become Patroness of the Institution.

We are much indebted to our several Standing Committees for the successful management of the Home. Each has diligently and faithfully performed its appointed work, but, specially would we call attention, to the valuable services rendered by the members of the Clothing Committee, who, assisted by a number

of young Ladies, have devoted a great deal of time to the sewing department, and by their united efforts, have kept all the inmates of the Home neatly and comfortably clothed throughout the year.

The special thanks of the Committee are due to our Medical Staff, who by, their kind assistance and valuable advice, have contributed so largely to the health and comfort of the inmates. To several of our Clergy, especially the Rev. Canon Norman and the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, who have attended at the Home for the performance of Baptismal and Burial Services.

To the Quebec Government, for its annual Grant.

To the Directors of the City and District Savings' Bank, for their liberal donation.

To those ladies, many of them, not connected with the Institution, who kindly assisted at our Annual Bazaar, in October, by which the sum of \$500 was realized.

To the Proprietors of the Witness and Star, for gratuitous advertising, and to the former, for two copies daily of the "Witness."

To the young ladies who have visited the Home, for the purpose of instructing the older children.

To all who have sent donations during the year, or have in anyway contributed to the comfort and happiness of the inmates.

Trusting that through the consideration and liberality of the public, the Protestant Infants' Home may continue to receive the support it so greatly needs, the Managers respectfully submit the Ninth Annual Report.

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Secretary.

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When the last yearly Report was presented from your Medical Board, the hope was somewhat confidently expressed, that under better and more satisfactory hygienic conditions and surroundings, the mortality amongst the inmates [hitherto much too high] would almost certainly be diminished. It is, therefore a matter of considerable satisfaction, and a ground for encouragement, to find that such decrease has indeed occurred. In former years, the percentage of deaths has usually been about 24 or 25. This year, as will be seen by reference to the figures which follow, it has amounted to only 16.8.

There were 36 infants remaining in the Home at the beginning of the year, and 65 have been received since that time, making a total of 101 that have been under the medical care, or supervision of the Board during the year just closed.

During the year 17 infants have died, being a death-rate of 16.8 per cent. Amongst these it is to be borne in mind that several were brought in, in a hopelessly weak and diseased condition. It would perhaps be advisable, on another occasion, to exclude such from the general bill of mortality.

The numbers that died in each month were as follows:--

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In April	0
May	0
June	1
July	
August	2
September	2
October	
November	2
December	0
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February	1
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The ages of those that died were-

Under one month	2
Two months	2
Three months	1
Five months	3
Six months.	1
Seven months	4
Nine months.	1
Twelve months and over	2
Total	17

The deaths occurred from the following causes.—

Infantile Debility	5
Infantile Cholera	1
Convulsions	1
Purpura Hemorrhagiea	1
Acute Tuberculosis	1
Tubercular Meningitis	1
Acute Meningitis	1
Enteritis	1
Entero-Colitis	1
Diarrhœa	1
Total	17

The markedly injurious effect of continued excessive heat upon the health of infants has never been better shown than in the statistics of this year—the mortality in the month of July—when nearly the whole of the summer heat was experienced—being as great as during any other three months of the year.

Since the New Year, Chicken-pox has prevailed in the Institution, 18 of the children having suffered from that disease. It was of mild type, and was followed by no serious consequences in any.

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Your Board desire to express their satisfaction with the manner in which their instructions, upon all points connected with the medical management of the children, have been carried out by the Matron, Nurse, and other Assistants.

They would also express their sense of obligation to the Ladies of the Committee of Management for the kind manner in which they have always co-operated with them in their endeavors to improve the condition of the Institution and its inmates.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. ROSS, A. M., M.D.

Secretary.



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FORM OF APPLICATION for Admission of Children as required by the Committee of the PROTESTANT INFANTS' HOME, MONTREAL.

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Where born, "		
Religion, "		
Address of Parent		
Amount board agreed on		
By whom recommended		
How long resident in Canada		
Name, Child		
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The ninth annual meeting of the friends of this Institution was held on Tuesday, April 8th, at the rooms of the Y. W. C. Association, Jas. Hutton, Esq. presiding. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, the Rev. Canon Norman, the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, the Rev. Geo. Wells, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, tha Rev. J. L. Forster, the Rev. Robt. Lindsay, and a large number of ladies were present. The following resolutions were adopted :-"That the annual report be received, adopted and printed;" "That the following be elected officers for the coming year: Jas. Hutton, Esq., President; 1st Directress, Mrs. Hutton; 2nd Directress, Mrs. Blackman; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Ault; Secretary, Mrs. George Eadie;" "That the thanks of this meet\_ ting be given to the officers of the medical staff for their atten. dance and very valuable services;" That this meeting begs to record its grateful thanks to the Provincial Government and to the Directors of the City and District Savings Bank for annual grants, and also to Mrs. J. H. R. Molson, Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Frothingham, for their generous gifts of one thousand dollars each towards the building now occupied as the Protestant Infants' Home." The clergyman having spoken to the several motions, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Geo. Wells.



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