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Fourth Annual Report

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Home for Friendless Women,

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OFFICERS.

SUPERINTENDENT:

MISS WRIGHT.

TREASURER, - - - - - MISS BLACKBURN.
SECRETARY, - - - - - MISS DURIE.

BOARD OF MANAGERS :

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HELENA TOPLEY.

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Home for Friendless Women.

IN presenting the Fourth Annual Report of the Home, the Board desires to embrace the opportunity of making more fully known, not only the record of work for the past year, but its nature and management.

There is no work, perhaps, that is looked upon with more disfavor and suspicion as work among the friendless and fallen, and the Home is not an exception, having been regarded by some as an institution for the encouragement of vice. That it has for its aim and object, the salvation of each individual inmate, body and soul, will be seen from the following facts :—

(1) Those who give no evidence of a desire to forsake a life of sin are refused admission.

(2) Every effort is made to lead each inmate to a knowledge of her lost condition and to trust in the finished work of Christ for salvation.

(3) That maternity cases are admitted solely on the following conditions, viz :—

(a) That a paper drawn up by a magistrate has to be signed by all applicants in the presence of four witnesses, pledging themselves to remain in the Home for twelve months. (b) That each should be required to care for her infant and to take it with her on being discharged.

(c) That no one can be admitted a second time.

The work of the year has embraced features and elements not strictly in the line proposed at the organization of the Institution, and this has been in a manner forced upon the Board because of the want of other much needed institutions such as the Burnside Home in Toronto. In February it was decided to send a petition from the Board, signed also by the Boards of other benevolent institutions in the city, requesting the managers of the Protestant Hospital to make provision for a maternity ward. In June a

reply was received from the secretary, stating that it was the opinion of the doctors that such a work could not be carried on in connection with the hospital.

Two ladies of the Board were then appointed to consult with the managers of the Lady Stanley Institute for Nurses, when arrangements were made for a meeting to be held soon, and at which the Boards of the Hospital, Institute and Home will be represented.

The Board heartily disapproves of any arrangement or institution which does not seek the salvation of these fallen ones, or which provides for relieving the patients of the care of their offspring, thus rendering it easy for them to escape the full penalty of wrong-doing.

The past year marks an important epoch in the

MANAGEMENT OF THE HOME.

It may not be generally understood that the work was established in connection with the Evangelistic Department of the Y. W. C. T. Union, to which the first three Annual Reports have been presented, it was felt to be in the interests of the work, however, to have it under an independent board of management. Accordingly, early in the year, the Union having acceded to a request to relinquish all connection with it, steps were immediately taken to form a new Constitution, which appears in full on pages seven and eight.

At a special meeting held in May, the following ladies were added to the Board: Mrs. T. C. Keefer, Mrs. A. Lindsay, Mrs. A. J. Stephens and Mrs. W. Stroud. It was with profound regret that the Board accepted at the same time the resignation of Miss F. Living, who for three years had so ably filled the position of Secretary. The vacancy, however, has been filled by one who has proved a true friend to the friendless, as well as an efficient Secretary, Miss A. Durie.

MEETINGS.

In April the regular monthly business meeting of the Board was changed from the first Friday of the month at 4 p.m. to the first Thursday at 10 a.m., in order to ensure better attendance.

A special public meeting was held in the council chamber of the City Hall, May 18th, for the purpose of placing the work before the public with a view to enlisting members for the Corporation. The chair was filled by Sheriff Sweetland, who spoke in high terms of the good accomplished on behalf of the criminal classes since the opening of the Home. Able

addresses were also given by Revs. Dr. Ryckman, Mr. Mucklestone, Bogert, Farries, Carey and Mr. Falconer, which resulted in a number becoming co-operating members.

The first quarterly meeting, which is open to members of the Corporation, was held November 17th in the Institute, when addresses were given by Mrs. Dr. Edwards, Mrs. Falconer, and the Superintendent, setting forth the work accomplished since the last public meeting.

RECORD OF WORK.

The following statistics show something of the work accomplished in the past year :—

There was in residence, Jan. 1st, 1891.....	27
Admitted during the year.....	86
	113
Total.....	113
Total number of days in residence.....	9,947
Average stay of each inmate.....	88 days.
Total number of admissions since opening in Jan., 1888.....	674

DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS :

Sent to parents and friends.....	28
“ homes, hospitals, &c.....	10
“ situations.....	21
Left.....	17
In residence January 1st, 1892.....	37

PLACES ADMITTED FROM.

Jail.....	4
Police Station.....	2
Railway Station.....	19
Street.....	84
Hospital.....	4

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS.

Protestant.....	90
Roman Catholic.....	23

NATIONALITIES.

Canadian.....	20
English.....	25
Scotch.....	6
Irish.....	53
French.....	5
German.....	4

CLASSES.

Unfortunate.....	28
Abandoned.....	14
Intemperate.....	15
Children.....	18
Others.....	38

SEVERAL CASES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

might be mentioned of those, who, having sought shelter in their time of need, have given unmistakable evidence of a change of heart. One who had been a means of enticing many young girls from the path of virtue has been an inmate of the Home since November, 1889, and has proved such a trustworthy and reliable woman, as well as an efficient laundress, that she now has charge of the washing department with a salary. Three of the most abandoned girls of the City, well known to the police, are also among the hopeful cases.

An unfortunate who has been in the Home since January, 1890, has also given unmistakeable evidences of true conversion. A young girl, brought up on the streets of London, where she earned a few pennies a day as organ grinder, was brought out by an emigration society, and being utterly unfitted to fill any situation, was soon turned into the streets. Eventually she found her way to the Home in 1888. Special efforts were made to lead her to feel her need of One Mighty to save, and after months of earnest effort she was converted, became a backslider on two occasions, but returned to the Home in deep contrition, and is now one of the most encouraging cases. A young girl of 17, from Stittsville, came to the city in answer to an advertisement for a general servant, on a Saturday evening recently. She was hired to fill a vacancy caused by the sickness of another, who, however, recovered sufficiently to resume her work soon after arrangements had been completed and her mistress discharged the shy, shrinking country girl at a late hour on Saturday evening, and without a cent in her pocket she was turned into the streets, alone and friendless. She was directed to the Home where she remained until a situation was found for her.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

has been given every alternate week by Revs. Messrs. Wood and Mucklestone, to whom the Board is indebted for their self-denying efforts. A Gospel meeting has also been held every Sunday afternoon by your Superintendent, when an opportunity is always afforded for an expression of a

desire on the part of any to accept the gift of salvation. Family worship has also been conducted morning and evening by the Matron.

Through the kindness of friends, several

TREATS

have been afforded the inmates. The first was a pic-nic held in Chelsea in July, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Two weeks before Christmas Miss Cassidy, Bible woman of the W. C. T. U., collected from friends sufficient to purchase a new dress for each inmate, and through the kindness of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., a machine was loaned with which each made her own dress.

On 'Xmas a sumptuous repast was provided consisting of turkeys, geese, plum-pudding, fruit, &c., and in the evening an exhibition of stereoptican views was given.

MEANS OF SUPPORT.

It is exceedingly gratifying to note that though there has been a decrease in the donations of \$775.42, the revenue from the Laundry has amounted to \$1,031.76 over and above that of any preceding year, the total receipts from which have been \$3,386.00. Eight thousand five hundred and ninety-five dozen pieces representing the amount of work turned out during the year.

In June application was made and granted for incorporation under the Charities Aid Act, and the Home has been placed on the list of charitable institutions receiving Government aid, and will receive aid accordingly from the 1st of October, 1890. The amount to be allowed for work done from October, 1890 to 1891, will be placed in the estimates to be submitted at the coming session of the Legislature, which, when passed, will be duly paid.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Board are extended to the host of friends who have so generously contributed of their time and means to the support of the work, and would mention specially Mr. F. H. Chrysler for assistance rendered free of charge in framing the constitution and securing incorporation; also Drs. Cousens, Edwards and Horsey, for medical attendance; Messrs. W. Howe & Son, for papering and tinting; The *Evening Journal* and *Free Press*, for advertisements inserted free of charge; also a gentleman, who desires his name withheld, who relieved the Home of a note in the Ottawa Bank of \$278.00 by paying \$78.00 down and leaving the balance for two years at no interest; also Mr. R. Blackburn for a loan of \$200.00 on the same terms. Both of whom the Board expects to repay on receipt of the bequest of the late Mrs. J. Wadsworth.

The Board desires also to express its hearty appreciation of the Matron, Mrs. Empey, Assistant Matron, Miss McArthur, and Miss Lightbody, the Book-keeper, whose earnest self-denying efforts have done so much to ensure the success of the work, and trusts that they may long be spared to co operate with them in this blessed work of saving the lost.

Above all, before all and better than all, they ascribe thanks and blessing and praise to Him whose tender love and sympathy and care of the sinner and outcast is the "same yesterday, to-day and for ever." Whatever measure of success has crowned the efforts of the past year has been due to Him, whom, having not seen, we love—our prayer-hearing, promise-keeping God, to *Him* be *all* the praise now and ever.

BERTHA H. WRIGHT, Supt.



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Declaration and Certificate of Incorporation

—OF THE—

Home for Friendless Women.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, }
COUNTY OF CARLETON. } To all to whom these Presents shall come.
TO WIT :

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare that it is our intention to establish a Home for Friendless Women at the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Statute, Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-Two of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, intituled "An Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies."

And we further declare and state as follows :—

I. That the name of the said Institution shall be "The Ottawa Home for Friendless Women."

II. Its object shall be to afford a temporary shelter to friendless women discharged female prisoners and those desiring to forsake a life of sin, and to provide for them while inmates of the Home, suitable employment as well as the ministrations of the Gospel.

III. The first trustees or managing officers of the said Home are : Bertha H. Wright, Agnes Macdonald, Mary Falding, Margaret Gibson, Henrietta Falconer, Mary Larmonth, Henrietta Edwards, Helena Topley, Charlotte Ross, Florence Living, Mary Blackburn, Annie Keefer, Mary Stephens, Minnie Lindsay, Agnes Mary Stroud and Annie H. Durie.

IV. The affairs of the Home shall be under a Board of Management consisting of sixteen members including officers, who shall have the supervision and control of the affairs of the Home.

V. The officers of the Home shall be a Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall form part of the Board of Management, and shall continue in office until their successors have been appointed.

VI. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall take place on the third Tuesday in January in each and every year, to receive reports, elect a new Board of Management and to transact such other business as may come before it.

VII. Any lady may become a member whose name is proposed and accepted at a regular meeting of the Board, upon payment of such membership fees or subscriptions as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Management.

VIII. The Board of Managers shall hold a business meeting on the third Thursday of each month, and also hold special meetings quarterly for the presentation of reports and for discussion of topics relating to rescue work. If any Member of the Board of Management absent herself for three consecutive meetings of the said Board (except when prevented from attending by illness or temporary absence from the city) her place on said Board of Management shall be forfeited, and filled by said Board.

No alteration shall be made in the constitution except at an annual or quarterly meeting specially called by the Committee upon a requisition stating the nature of the alteration, signed by ten of the members of the Board of Management, and to be held ten days after receipt of such resignation.

Dated the twenty-fourth day of September, 1891.

NAMES.

BERTHA WRIGHT,
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AGNES H. STROUD,
ANNIE H. DURIE.

In the matter of the Act Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chaptered One Hundred and Seventy-Two and of the Ottawa Home for Friendless Women,

I, William Aird Ross, Judge of the County Court of the County of Carleton, do hereby certify that I have examined the declaration in pursuance of the provisions of section two and section three of the above quoted Act, and that the said declaration in triplicate appears to be in conformity with the said Act Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chaptered One Hundred and Seventy-Two.

In witness whereof I the said Judge have hereto set my hand at the Court House in the City of Ottawa, this twenty-ninth day of October, A. D., 1891.

Signed, W. A. ROSS,
Judge of the County Court of County of Carleton,

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Statement of Receipts and Expenses of the Home for Friend

RECEIPTS.		
1891. January.—Balance on hand.....		\$98 80
Unsolicited donations.....	\$714 68	
Board.....	87 00	
Laundry Receipts.....	3,317 51	
		4,119 19
		\$4,217 99

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less Women for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

EXPENDITURE.			
1891.			
Paid	Butcher.....	\$415 14	
"	Baker.....	220 32	
"	Milkman.....	41 09	
"	Grocer.....	333 77	
"	Vegetables.....	85 57	
			\$1,095 89.
Paid	Fuel ..	417 74	
"	Light ..	33 81	
"	Water Rates ..	31 85	
"	Street Sprinkling.....	2 64	
"	Snow Cleaning ..	2 64	
"	Insurance ..	20 00	
"	Bank Note and Interest.....	86 39	
			595 07
Paid	Furnishings	32 60	
"	Medicine.....	3 33	
"	Clothing, &c., for Inmates	2 71	
"	Car fare, toll and cartage.....	5 91	
"	Pic-nic Expenses.....	10 70	
"	Printing and Stationery.....	34 58	
"	Plumbing and Repairs.....	222 04	
			311 87
Paid	Wages	1,126 58	
"	Laundry Expenses.....	271 12	
"	Stable Expenses	161 22	
"	Payment on Express Waggon.....	34 60	
"	Rent	501 85	
"	Rent of Telephone, 1½ year.....	37 50	
"	Sundries	11 67	
			2,144 54
	Balance on hand		\$4,147 37
			70 62
			<u>\$4,217 99</u>
	31st DECEMBER, 1891.		