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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MONTREAL PROTESTANT

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY AND REFUGE.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, POOR
RELIEF COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE, LA-
DIES' COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOMS,
THE VISITING SURGEON AND TREASURER'S AN-
NUAL STATEMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The third annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers to the Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, was held 18th April, 1866, in the Governors Room of the Institution.

John Redpath, Esq., President of the Institution, in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins.

Mr. Lunn, on the call of the Chairman, read the following Reports:—

- 1st. Of the Board of Management.
- 2nd. Of the Poor Relief Committee.
- 3rd. Of the Finance Committee.
- 4th. Of the Ladies' Committee of the Industrial Rooms.
- 5th. Of Dr. Tew, the Visiting Surgeon.
- 6th. Treasurer's Annual Statement of the Industrial Rooms.

Report of the Board of Management of the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge to the Board of Governors for the year ending April, 1866:

The Board of Management has the honour to present to the Governors of the Institution its report for the past year.

It will be remembered that at the date of the last Annual Report the new buildings had only been occupied during the winter months, and the Board had not at that time sufficient experience to enable it fully to estimate their fitness for the purposes intended.

After a year's experience, however, your Board finds that the corridor connecting the front and rear in the lower story only, ought to have been carried to the whole height of the house, so as to have afforded direct communication between all the floors of the two buildings.

Your Board has had plans and estimates of the expense required to make this improvement, and would strongly recommend its adoption.

The cost of the alteration would be about eight hundred dollars.

The following Committees were appointed by the Board:

1st. The Poor Relief Committee, to look after the internal management of the House and its inmates.

2nd. The Ladies' Industrial Committee, to

find employment for as many families as possible, and to furnish them with work at their own homes.

3rd. The Finance Committee, to take charge of the receipts and expenditure of the Institution.

It has been deemed advisable that each of the reports furnished by the above committees should be appended to this, in order that the Governors and the public may have before them a detailed account of the working of the Institution; we shall therefore make reference only to their principal features. It is also necessary to mention here that there has been formed during the winter an Out-door Relief Committee composed of the leading members of the different National Societies, and of the Young Men's Christian Association who, acting in concert with our own Poor Relief Committee, make this Institution a centre from which to furnish out-door relief to all the Protestant poor of the city. This has been carried on by means of voluntary subscriptions alone, entirely independent of the funds of this Institution, and your board while bearing willing testimony to the zeal and self-denying labours of these gentlemen, who often sit for the whole day once or twice a week while prosecuting their arduous duties, believes that this, the first effort to centralize out-door relief, has proved itself most successful. In the undertaking the out-door relief committee has received most valuable assistance from the city Missionaries who visited the applicants at their homes.

It will be seen by the report of the Poor Relief Committee that shelter for the night has been given in some two thousand nine hundred cases, two thousand four hundred and forty seven of those thus relieved being males, and four hundred and forty-seven females. This remarkable decrease, especially in the number of female applicants, as compared with that of the preceding winter, they justly attribute in a great measure to the opening of another Institution by our Roman Catholic fellow citizens, and also to the increased stringency of our rules. The report also shows that the average number of "permanent" inmates during the past summer was about eighty, which increased during the winter to one hundred and fifteen, the exact number on the 12th of April, being one hundred and eight, viz.

Forty-nine men, thirty-four women, nineteen boys and six girls; further that a good female teacher has been provided for the children, who attend school regularly.

Many of these inmates it should be noticed are aged and infirm, and hardly fit for any kind of work.

One of the greatest difficulties experienced by the Board, and one which as yet they see little prospect of obviating even when the Country House has been established, is that of finding out-door employment adequate and suitable for the male inmates. Stone breaking is almost the only employment that can be procured, and that can only be undertaken during the inclement season of the year, by those of robust health who are able to stand the exposure to cold. To this end a quantity of stone has been procured during the winter, and the labour task being imposed upon the "casual" inmates had the effect of sending away a number of those who declined to work for their breakfast in the morning.

There is much less difficulty about work in the Female Department, as the Ladies' Industrial Committee have been able to provide employment for the families of applicants at their own homes, and for all such inmates as were capable of undertaking it.

Their Report will show that the most important function of providing employment for the Female inmates and many other offices connected with their maintenance and well being, besides the personal superintendence of the Children's School, have been performed by the Ladies' Industrial Committee with efficiency and success.

It will be seen by the report of the Finance Committee that there has been received during the past year the sum of \$23,865.42, thus composed:—

Various Instalments.....	\$14,825.00
Annual Subscriptions.....	175.00
New Subscription and various Donations.....	2,861.93
Sundry sums for Interest, &c.....	516.66
Proceeds of the Marsteller Estate....	5,486.83
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	\$23,865.42

The Report further shows that the arrears of Instalments still due amount to \$10,510, but from this must be deducted \$2,650 paid since the figures were made up. There still, therefore, remains a balance of arrears, amounting to \$7,860, and of this a considerable portion is in the hands of a few persons who still refuse payment. The balance due on March 31st, with the fourth Instalment, due 1st Nov. next, and the above arrears, amounts to \$29,510, and the amounts invested in Bonds and other Securities is \$16,600. The total expenditure for the year is put down in the detailed statement at \$7,289.72 and when from this we deduct all charges for extras, balance of accounts, repairs, &c., the sum for house maintenance will be found very small.

An appeal was made by the Board during the past year to such as had not hitherto subscribed, hoping thereby to raise a fund sufficient for the erection of the Country House, which it was decided to build on the farm bequeathed by the late Thomas Molson, Esq.

This hope has been disappointed, for instead of the \$20,000 so confidently expected, the subscription only amounts to \$5,500.

Under these circumstances the Board did not feel warranted in proceeding with the building until a farther sum had been raised, or until they had sufficient surplus of funds that could be legitimately used for that purpose, the forty per cent allowed by the Act being absorbed by the present site and buildings.

The Board has been for some time in treaty for the sale of the vacant lot in Bleury Street, and should the negotiation be completed a considerable sum will thus be realized for permanent investment. These lots were offered for sale at Public Auction but subsequently withdrawn, and thanks are due to Mr. Arnton for his gratuitous services on that occasion. It is hoped that at the close of the current year the Board will be enabled to make an exact statement of the funds of the Institution, showing the amount then at their disposal for investment and building purposes. We would further notice that various important improvements have been effected during the past year. Clothing of a uniform character has been, and continues to be provided under the direction of the Ladies' Committee. Two large Baths have recently been placed in the basement, supplied with hot and cold water, and are in daily use with the most salutary results.

The Board would call to your notice the reports of the visiting surgeon, Dr. Tew, of the General Hospital, whose valuable services given gratuitously they have much pleasure in acknowledging.

The thanks of the Board are also tendered to Messrs. Rose and Ritchie and Messrs. Gibb and Hunter for their gratuitous services and advice. They desire also to record their appreciation of the services of the Secretary, Mr. Brown, whose duties, much increased by the distribution of the out-door relief, have been laborious and incessant.

The duties of the Matron have also been performed with zeal and fidelity. It is confidently hoped when the organization of the House has been more systematised the function of its officers will become less onerous and harassing.

It will be seen by the subscription list in the Finance Report that the following gentlemen are qualified for Life Governors, and have been put in the list accordingly:—J. G. Mackenzie, Esq.; John Torrance, Esq.; Robert Muir, Esq.; Thomas Morland, Esq.; and that the following gentlemen are qualified for Elective Governors by donations of \$100 each:—William Sache, Esq.; Walter Benny, Esq.; Thomas Rimmer, Esq.; J. W. Hopkins, Esq.; Frederick Law-

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ford, Esq.; Messrs. Converse, Colson and Lamb. John Glennon, Esq., is also qualified for Elective Governor by an annual subscription of \$25.

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of Incorporation, it will be the duty of the Governors, at a meeting to be held within eight days, to elect ten gentlemen chosen from the list of Life and Elective Governors to serve for three years upon the Board of Management, in place of the following, whose three years term of office expires this day, but who are eligible for re-election:—Messrs. W. Murray, Wm. Molson, J. Redpath, W. Workman, C. Alexander, W. Edmonstone, J. P. Clark, T. M. Thomson, J. Caverhill, and J. Greenshields. The Elective Governors of last year, twenty-four in number, now retire from office, but are eligible for re-election. The names of the retiring Governors will be found on page eight of the last annual report, now on the table, and the names of the gentlemen qualified for the office of Elective Governor are attached to the printed copies of the By-laws.

Having thus referred to the more prominent points of the various appended reports, but one portion of our task, the shortest and the pleasantest remains. We desire, in the name of the homeless and friendless ones to whom this Institution has proved itself a home and a friend, to express heartfelt thanks, in the first place to our Heavenly Father, for having implanted so firmly in the hearts of our fellow-citizens this sentiment of benevolence which has borne such good fruit, and in the second to those citizens themselves, who, feeling that the sorrows of each are the burdens of all, have so cheerfully accorded us their sympathy and their aid. It may well be that many faults inevitable to the first establishment of a charitable institution have been committed, many errors yet unrectified, many details left imperfect, but we do feel assured that as we gain experience our conceptions will become more enlarged, our organization more matured, our victory over pauperism and its attendant vices and misery, each year more triumphant and complete. This, no doubt, will demand a constant and sustained effort on our part, but the liberality with which the calls of benevolence have been responded to in the past is our surest warrant that these results will not be allowed to become nugatory and unavailing in the future. May the struggle with wretchedness, to which all Christians are summoned by their Founder, be the one source of rivalry between the two great sections into which they are divided, and Catholic be found vying with Protestant, and Protestant with Catholic, in the noblest strife of benevolence and good works.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. REDPATH,
President

April, 1866.

It was then moved by B. Lyman, Esq., seconded by the Hon. James Ferrier:—

“That the Reports now read be received, adopted and printed for the information of the subscribers and the public.”

It was then moved by Rev. Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Wm. Workman, Esq.:—

“That the meeting proceed, by open vote, to elect the Elective Governors for the ensuing year, and that the following gentlemen be so elected, viz:

“Wm. Lunn, James Court, J. E. Jacques, H. T. Lamplough, John Dougall, N. B. Corse, Richard Holland, J. McMillan, Henry Bulmer, Andrew Wilson, Hon. John Rose, David Brown, Wm. Cledinning, M. H. Gault, Robert Campbell, John J. Day, Wm. Gunn, James Hutton, Theodore Lyman, Thomas Paton, Thos. Peck, Alfred Bimmer, Alfred Savage, and Alexander Walker.”

This motion, being put from the Chair, was unanimously carried.

On the motion of T. M. Taylor, Esq., it was resolved,—

“That the thanks of the Board of Governors are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Board of Management, the Ladies' Industrial Committee, and the United Board of Out-Door Relief, for the valuable and efficient work rendered by them to the Institution during the past winter.”

The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Jenkins and unanimously carried. The meeting then closed.

REPORT OF THE POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1866.

NIGHT REFUGE.

The Poor Relief Committee have the honor to report that the Night Refuge was formally opened for the reception of casual poor for the winter on the 1st November. The numbers seeking nights shelter have not been so large as during the previous winter. Very few females especially have come to the Refuge. This may perhaps be attributed, to some extent, to the opening of the Roman Catholic Night Refuge in Montcalm Street, which commenced its operation in the early part of the past winter, and also to the greater stringency of the rules enforced. The behaviour of the Night Refuge men during the winter has been very good—drunkenness has rarely been seen—and the Superintendent reports a general willingness, on the part of such as remained after the introduction of the labour test, to work at the stone-breaking. Since the baths were finished and in operation, the men were allowed each Saturday afternoon to bathe and wash, and were thus enabled to appear cleanly on the Sabbath at meals and worship. The aggregate number of nights shelter given in the Refuge is 2,447 males and 447 females—total 2,894, nearly all of them Protestants.

SOUP KITCHEN.

The Soup Kitchen was closed last year on the 13th May. It was again opened on the 1st October, and has since been kept regularly

going. The number of quarts distributed to the poor is 15,156, namely: 3,003 to night refuge people and casuals, and 12,153 to outside poor. The Soup Kitchen is found to be a ready and efficient way of relieving the poor at a trifling cost.

PERMANENT INMATES.

The average number of permanent inmates sustained in the Refuge during the past summer is 80—the average number during the winter has increased to about 115. The number on the 12th April was 108, namely: males 49, females 34; boys 19, girls 6. There has been during the year a much larger proportion of boys than girls. Quite a number of these inmates are aged or invalids and hardly fit for any sort of work.

LABOUR.

A considerable quantity of stones were brought on the grounds of the Institution during the winter, and the inmates were set to break them on the 2nd February. The breaking has been done principally by the Night Refuge men and casual poor, the aged and infirm in the house being found unable to stand the work. It was found that the men were anxious to work all the time at the stone-breaking, it allowed to remain for the winter in the Institution, getting its shelter and food. An arrangement was therefore made by which so many hour's labour was given each day as an equivalent, and this plan has been productive of the best results, both to the Institution and to these homeless men themselves, for your Committee find it is of little or no use, so far as reformation is concerned, to take these men in at night and turn them again upon the street each morning to fall in the way of temptation. Since the Spring set in, the Superintendent has obtained situations for several of these men whose behaviour has been good during the winter.

BATHS.

Two large and excellent baths are now in full daily operation. Two of the permanent inmates are detailed to attend to the bathing, and to see that the bath-rooms are kept scrupulously clean. All now enjoy the luxury of a bath, even to the oldest. One of these baths, with the fitting up, is the gift of the Misses Gale.

CLOTHING.

Under the assiduous superintendence of the ladies, a considerable quantity of clothing has been provided for the house. The ladies have, with commendable zeal, raised a special fund from friends of the Institution for the purpose of clothing. The expense of clothing so many is a serious consideration, and although much yet remains to be done still the work progresses favourably.

BEDSTEADS.

Your Committee having found from experience that the old wooden bedsteads formerly used in the Campeau Street Refuge were not well fitted for the purpose of the Institution, have ordered fifty new single iron bedsteads, according to the pattern used in the General

Hospital, from Messrs. Wm Rodden & Co., at \$5 each.

TEACHER, & C.

A competent teacher for the children, and who has been well recommended to your Committee, has been engaged for a year from 1st March last, at a salary of £36 per annum. The school-room has been furnished with new desks and forms. There are at present 25 children in the Refuge, about 20 of whom are of age fit to attend school.

SURGEON'S REPORT.

The report of Dr. Tew, the visiting surgeon, will be laid before the Board. The general health of the inmates has been good during the past year, only two deaths having occurred. The house has all along enjoyed a remarkable immunity from disease. Your Committee are under much obligation to Dr. Tew for the valuable daily services which he renders gratuitously to the Institution, and are gratified with the kindness and patience which he has shown in attending upon the poor. Any cases requiring more than ordinary care, he has removed at once to the Montreal General Hospital; an Institution which, in this way, gives no small aid to the Refuge, and which your Committee have endeavoured to reciprocate by receiving poor persons into the Refuge when discharged from the hospital.

UNITED BOARD OF OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

In October of last year your Committee made proposals to the representatives of the national societies, and the Young Men's Christian Association for the formation of a United Board for the general relief of the out-door Protestant poor, the relief to be centralized at the House of Refuge, as being the most eligible place for a work of this kind, and aid to be got for this effort through voluntary contributions, and by means of appeals through the press. It was found, on meetings being held to consider the subject, that questions of a delicate nature were involved, regarding the constitution and word of the national societies. It was not, therefore, until the end of November that the "United Board" was finally formed. The work of relieving the out-door poor commenced on 23rd December, and was continued regularly and with much success throughout the winter. The press lent a willing hand in this good work, all the appeals and other notices of the Board being issued gratuitously by them. As a full report of the Out-door Board has recently been published, your Committee need not here enter upon the work in detail, but would only desire to express their gratitude to the Giver of all Good for the large amount of aid they were enabled to extend to many a suffering family throughout the winter.

Your Committee have met regularly in the House as usual every Monday morning, and everything tending to promote the general prosperity of the Institution has had their careful consideration. Several useful suggestions from the Ladies' Committee will shortly be carried into effect. When the remainder of the new iron bedsteads, in process of construction, are

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received, it is intended to set apart one of the rooms in the front building for the sick and infirm and another room for the women and children, and thus to classify the inmates more effectually than has hitherto been done.

Divine Services on the Sabbath by the various city clergymen has been regularly attended to as has also the systematic visitation of the House by the Governors nominated by your Committee from time to time.

Your Committee would still urge their emphatic opinion as to the desirability of continued efforts being made for the erection of a House on your farm for the reception of our permanent inmates, believing that if this were once accomplished the efforts for the relief of certain classes would be much more effectual than at present.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee of the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge beg leave to submit to the Governors a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Institution for the year ending 31st March, 1866.

RECEIPTS.

INSTALMENT ACCOUNT.

Received on account of 1st Instalment, due 1st Nov. 1863	\$ 200 00	
Received on account of 2nd Instalment, due 1st Nov. 1864	4,625 00	
Received on account of 3rd Instalment, due 1st Nov., 1865	9,875 00	
Received on account of 4th Instalment, due 1st Nov., 1866	125 00	14,825 00

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Received on account of same 175 00

SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT.

Received the following additional subscriptions during the year:

City and District Savings Bank	800 00
J. G. McKenzie, 1st Instalment on \$2,000	500 00
Robert Muir, (paid in one Instalment)	500 00
Thomas Morland, 1st instalment on \$400	100 00
Thomas May & Co., (2nd donation)	100 00
Walter Benny	100 00
Thomas Rimmer	100 00
Converse, Colson & Lamb. Ex. Com. for Reception of Visitors from Maratime Provinces	100 00

Amount carried forward.. 2,400 00 15,000 00

Amount brought forward...

William Kriherford	80 00	
H. A. Budden	50 00	
George Rogers	50 00	
High School Society, per Mr. Stephens	25 43	
C. C. Snowdon & Co.	25 00	
John Glennon (yearly)	25 00	
King's Own Borderers	25 00	
William Kinloch	20 00	
Mr and Mrs. Cowie	20 00	
Sums under \$20	141 50	2,861 93

MARSTELLAR ESTATE.

Received from City Corporation, being one of half the capital sum in their hands	\$4,789 98	
Received from Wm. Wilson on account of his purchase of the Marstellar property	263 52	
Received from Alex. Watt on account of his purchase of the Marstellar property	433 33	5,486 83

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Received from the Molsons Bank, interest on special deposits	197 83	
Received from the City Corporation, interest on Marstellar funds	149 11	
Received interest on Investments	79 70	
Received from Wm. Wilson, interest on Marstellar property	39 65	
Received from A. Watt, interest on Marstellar property	30 32	
Received interest on overdue Instalment	1 50	
Received sundry premiums	6 35	504 46

LABOUR ACCOUNT.

Received on account of labour

Total receipts for the year.....\$23,865 42

EXPENDITURES FROM 31st MARCH, 1865, TO 31st MARCH, 1866.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Meat and Fish	\$ 606 33½
Bread	1,078 06
Milk	46 27
Tea	41 22
Sugar	189 32
Syrup	109 32
Other Groceries	23 19½
Soap	54 20
Oatmeal and Flour	162 60
Potatoes & Vegetables	110 99½
Barley, Peas, &c.	87 18
Sundries	54 77½
	2,563 47

Amount carried forward.. 2,563 47

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	\$2,563 47		Arrears of 1st instalment	\$2,310 00	
HOUSE FURNISHING ACCOUNT.			" of 2nd "	2,150 00	
Furniture and furnishings for House.....\$	159 02½		" of 3rd "	6,050 00	10,510 00
Furniture and furnishings for Board Room.	155 74	314 76½			
Paper & papering Board Room	25 90		Balance of the original subscription list due and to become due, including above arrears		26,610 00
Wire Guards for basement	56 48		Balance of new subscriptions taken up last Fall		2,900 00
Ventilators, \$30; Hose \$35,53	65 53				<u>\$29,510 00</u>
Hardware, \$25,65; Furnace bars \$33,41	59 06		Sum invested in Bonds and Mortgages to date is		<u>\$16,600 00</u>
Sundry articles and job-bings	109 32	316 29			
Bees and Bedding.....		273 00	The following is the position of the Current Account and Deposit on Interest account, as furnished by Wm. Molson, Esq., Treasurer of the Institution:—		
Clothing account		34 60	Amount at credit of Current Account, as per Bank Book 31st March.....	\$1,716 51	
FUEL ACCOUNT.			Amount at credit of Interest Account, with Molsons Bank.....	2,139 09	
Wood	\$209 00		Balance in hand of Treasurer, 31st March	\$3,855 60	
Coal.....	377 66	586 66	Balance in Superintendent's hands same date.....	103 75	
SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES ACCOUNT.			Total.....	<u>\$3,959 35</u>	
Salaries, Wages & Gratuities	\$852 00				
Stationery, Books and Office expenses.....	46 41	898 41			
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.					
Printing & Advertising, (two years)	\$270 37				
Medicines and Funerals	15 67				
Water Rates, Insurance, &c.....	136 35				
Lighting	114 03½				
New Registers, \$43,85; Fencing, \$9,25; Plastering, \$7,65; Surveys \$3,50.....	64 25				
Sundry incidental expenses for the year...	47 27½	647 95			
LABOUR ACCOUNT.					
Paid cartage of stones...		56 87½			
BUILDINGS, & REPAIRS ON DITTO.					
Balance of account for heating, plumbing & gas-fitting work	\$397 78				
Jas. Kimber, balance for painting	89 20				
G. W. Reed, for mantle grate, &c	38 00				
W. Rutherford, balance of contract & for sundry fittings, &c	435 00				
W. Reed, for erecting brick out-buildings, as per contract.....	542 00				
Wyatt & Jackson, alterations on brick-work of boiler	13 90				
Gravel, earth for filling up, cartages, &c	81 82	1597 70			
Total outlay for year		<u>\$7,289 72</u>			

WM. LUNN,

Chairman Finance Committee.

MONTREAL, April 12, 1866.

We have examined the above accounts, with the books and vouchers, and find the same correct.

T. M. THOMSON, }
NORTON B. CORSE, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

The Ladies' Committee of the Industrial Rooms beg to present their annual report to the Board of Management.

The Committee would desire to express their grateful acknowledgments to their former friends and supporters that they have kindly continued their assistance and sympathy to them since they have united themselves to this Institution in order that their sphere of usefulness may be more extended.

The number of women to whom employment has been given during the past year is about 200. During the winter months the average number of women receiving work has been 80 weekly. Many deserving poor who have applied for work but who are not able to do the finer kinds of sewing have been refused em-

ployment in consequence of the difficulty of procuring coarse work for them.

The sum of \$1941.39 has been paid in wages during the year.

The following table shows the various religious denominations to which the applicants belong —

Church of England.....	66
Presbyterian.....	29
Roman Catholic.....	28
French Protestants.....	13
Methodists.....	12
Congregationalist.....	4
Baptist.....	4
American Church.....	3
Unitarian.....	1
German Church.....	1
Religion not ascertained.....	39

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The donation of \$100 from the District Savings Bank is acknowledged with thanks. The Committee beg to acknowledge gratefully the donations of 20 lbs. of tea from Messrs. Sinclair, Jack & Co., and 50 lbs. of sugar from Mr. Cowie which they distributed amongst the needy working women at Christmas. Bread, meat, tea and sugar were also sent by an unknown friend for the same purpose. They would also gratefully acknowledge the following donations for the poor working women :—

Blankets from Mrs. Bigelow ; Clothing from Mrs. Adams ; Hoods from Miss Smith. Donation of stationery and account books for the use of the rooms have been received from Mrs. Hill, Mr. Grafton, Mr. Graham and Dawson Bros., and are acknowledged with thanks. Also patches from Mrs. Claxton and useful remnants and patches from Messrs. Stephens & Co.

The Annual Bazaar was held on the 20th and 21st of March, and the result was very satisfactory. The proceeds were about \$1100. The Committee return grateful thanks to their friends who contributed to the Bazaar and to the ladies who assisted at the various tables. They also acknowledge with thanks the kindness of Colonel Fane and the officers of the 25th Regt. K.O.B., of Colonel Elrington and the officers of the P.C.O. Rifle Brigade, of Colonel Pakenham and the officers of the 30th Regt. for their kindness in granting the gratuitous services of the bands of their respective regiments. The Committee beg to return most grateful thanks to the Editors of the various papers for gratuitous notices at various times.

The usual Tea Meeting to the sewing women and their families was held on the 22nd of March, and contributions of bread, meat, tea and sugar are here gratefully acknowledged. The sum of \$28.25 was collected by Mrs. Wenham to defray the expenses of the evening. Books were distributed by Mr. Claxton to all present, and the addresses of the kind friends who came forward on the occasion were much appreciated by the women.

The Committee have greatly added to their numbers, in consequence of additional duties

in connexion with the Refuge, having been undertaken by them. On this subject the Committee report as follows :—Employment has been given in sewing and knitting to as many of the inmates as were capable of doing work of that nature, and who were not otherwise employed in the House either in cleaning, assisting in the kitchen, washing, or attending to their children. The school is under the management of a paid teacher, and is in excellent order. A donation of school books from Mr. Lovell is gratefully acknowledged.

Seeing the urgent necessity for clothing to assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the House, the sum of \$190.25 was collected by the ladies at the suggestion of Mrs. Champion Brown, who herself collected \$100. Part of this money was spent in clothes and pillow cases, the rest is in the hands of the treasurer of the fund for future use. A sub-Committee was requested to meet to prepare some additional rules for the more efficient conducting of the House. These rules were submitted and approved by the Board of Management.

In conclusion, the Committee earnestly hope that the suggestions they have so frequently urged on the Board will shortly be carried out. The most essential of these are : To establish a hospital for the sick, who at present sleep in the same room with the other inmates. To provide a day room for the inmates, so that the bedrooms may be properly ventilated and used as dormitories only, and to give the boys a separate room. There is sufficient accommodation in the House to allow of all these suggestions being carried into effect by making a few alterations.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET RIMMER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE VISITING SURGEON.

The Surgeon in attendance on the inmates of the "Protestant House of Refuge," feels deeply gratified in being able to state that during the past six months, various improvements of a most important character have been made in the House. Among such improvements the Surgeon would call special attention to the system of classification and separation, of the more *respectable* and sensitive from the *rude* and *noisy*, as having an important moral influence.

Also to the better means of *ventilation* and *heating*, which have been adopted and enforced. Hot and cold water have been abundantly supplied to all parts of the building, and a proper apparatus for a regular and systematic mode of bathing has been supplied. The double wooden bedsteads *are condemned*, and in their place *single* iron bedsteads are to be introduced.

The "Night Refuge" is confined to a separate part of the building, and its inmates are not allowed to come into contact with the permanent residents.

The *permanent inmates* are, to some extent, now supplied with clean clothing, instead of

continuing to wear the filthy rags, in which they are generally clothed when admitted. The House of Refuge, as its name implies, is intended merely for the relief and support of the destitute, and not to supply in any way the place of an hospital for the sick. In all cases,

when disease has manifested itself, either subsequently, or on admission, the sick have been removed, and there has not been an instance of communicated disease during the past six months.

HERBERT S. TEW, M. D.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOMS, FROM 1ST
MAY, 1865, to 16TH APRIL, 1866.

RECEIPTS.		CONTRA.	
Balance on hand.....	\$ 12 73	Cash paid workers	\$1,941 39
Work done	778 03	Materials per receipt.....	1845 26
Sales per sales book	2,590 50	Matron's salary	219 00
Sales of stock at bazaar.....	516 98	Messages	10 00
Other proceeds of bazaar	594 72	Petty cash.....	36 83
Donations	102 00	Furniture and Express, per receipt.	10 95
Discount and commission	13 18	Basket woman's commission	69 80
Balance of bazaar for '65.....	2 25	Bazaar expenses	65 50
	<u>\$4,610 39</u>	Balance on hand.....	411 61
			<u>\$4,610 39</u>
ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
To balance	\$ 411 61	By account due by rooms	\$ 204 75
To unpaid accounts.....	400 87½	By balance due J. P. Clark, Esq., late Treasurer.....	149 37
To material in stock	149 45	Balance assets.....	1,507 81½
To made-up stock	900 00		
	<u>\$1,861 93½</u>		<u>\$1,861 93½</u>

J. T. RIELLE, Treasurer.

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Wm. Workman,	John Caverhill,
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T. M. Bryson,	John Sinclair,
George Hagar,	W. F. Kay,
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J. L. Mathewson,	Andrew Robertson,
W. H. A. Davies,	George Moffatt.

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David Brown,	James Ferrier, Jr.,
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