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The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the "HOME AND SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY," was held on Tuesday, the 22d May, in the St. Lawrence Hall, kindly granted by Messrs. Hogan & Penn, for that purpose.

The girls from the Institution were present. Their cheerful and healthy appearance seemed to give general satisfaction.

Dr. WILKES presided, and having opened the meeting with prayer, read the following Reports:—

The Committee of the Home and School of Industry feel much pleasure in meeting the friends and supporters of the Institution on this its twelfth anniversary, and, in submitting their Report, desire to express gratitude to God for its increased usefulness and measure of success that has marked its progress during the past year.

The objects embraced by this Institution are now so well known that it is unnecessary again to advert to them.

The training of young girls for service, and giving them a plain education, although considered the principal object of the Institution, is not more important than the supplying deserving women

with needlework (many of whom are widows, and have young families to support), and the visitation of all who apply for assistance; as by this means industry is encouraged, deception in many cases detected, and a spirit of self-reliance fostered.

Experience shows that the best way of relieving the poor is to assist them to help themselves.

No pecuniary aid is given except in cases of sickness; but small sums are loaned the women when they require it, and it is pleasing to state that they have, with one or two exceptions, repaid the money by their own work.

Your Committee fondly cherish the hope that this useful department of the Institution will meet with encouragement, so that many more of the deserving poor may be aided.

Since last June, nearly all the girls who have been admitted were quite destitute. Consequently, no board has been paid for them. It was therefore feared that the Institution would get into debt. These fears, however, have been groundless, as the Treasurer's account will show.

It may not be out of place here to remark, that, three months ago, the funds were very low. A quarter's rent and the previous month's bills were then due. The question was asked, "What shall be done?"

At the next monthly meeting, three ladies on the Committee, Miss Lucy Barrett, Mrs. T. M. Thomson, and Mrs. Johnson, unexpectedly brought in collections, which they had made among their friends, sufficient to pay all that was owing, and, during the past two months, other collections have been made to meet all current expenses; thus truly verifying the promise "The Lord will provide."

May not therefore your Committee be encouraged to go on in faith, feeling assured that expectations, based on the promises of Almighty God, shall not be disappointed.

A few of the girls have gone to service in respectable families, during the past year. One dear little girl, five years of age, who had no relations but an aged grandfather, has found a happy home in a pious family. The lady, having no children of her own, has adopted her.

Several of the young girls have been taken by ladies for a few weeks, till they were suited with servants. It has been gratifying to the Committee to hear good accounts of all who have been sent out—that they have proved truthful, honest, and obedient.

Thanks are returned to those ladies who have taken such pains in teaching them many things they could not have learned in the Institution.

The number of day scholars has been on the increase—many of whom, the children of widows in poor circumstances, are taught gratuitously.

The want of accommodation prevents many who apply from being admitted.

Applicants for needlework have been principally supplied, by purchasing materials, and making up articles for sale. The grateful thanks of the Committee are returned to those ladies who purchase from the basket-women, as it is from the profits of the sale that pecuniary aid, when really required, is given to the poor.

The Committee feel very grateful to the several Clergymen of the city, who have kindly visited the Institution, for the purpose of addressing the children, all of whom have expressed their satisfaction with their orderly and healthy appearance, as well as with their intelligent answers, and knowledge of Scripture.

Your Committee desire to express a sense of their obligations to those friends who from year to year subscribe so regularly and cheerfully. They also hope, as several new members have joined this Society, every effort will be made to increase its usefulness.

The kindness of A. Morris, Esq., in sending a return to Parliament to secure the grant, and that of H. H. Whitney, M.P.P., in presenting it, are gratefully acknowledged.

The thanks of your Committee are again returned to Dr. McCallum, who continues to attend the Institution; to John Lovell, Esq., for printing the Annual Report, and to the Editors of the "Witness" and "Transcript" for advertising.

The Committee have great pleasure, as in former years, of expressing their entire satisfaction with the conscientious manner in which Mrs. Mitchell, the matron, discharges her important duties, and with her very economical management.

They likewise express their sincere regret that Miss Campbell, who has been teacher for two years, has resigned her situation, as she is desirous of attending the Normal School. Miss Campbell has not only been a faithful and energetic teacher, but the moral influence she has exerted over the young under her charge, and the great pains she has taken to instil religious truths into their minds, has made her services truly valuable to the Institution.

The young ladies have continued to visit the School, as in former years, to teach the children, who have benefitted greatly by their instructions.

The industry of the girls may be mentioned. They have earned nearly eight dollars by their plain sewing, which has greatly assisted in purchasing their spring clothing.

Ere concluding this Report, your Committee are sorry to say that Mrs. Dr. Austin, Treasurer for ~~two~~ years, who has so efficiently discharged the duties of her office, has resigned on account of the delicate state of her health. Mrs. Cornish has kindly consented to accept of the office.

Mention has already been made of the inadequacy (as regards room necessary for the efficient working of the Institution) of the premises now occupied. The Committee would therefore respectfully invite the serious attention of the friends of the Institution to the important matter of taking steps for the erection of new buildings. In their judgment, such an undertaking would be crowned with great success.

Sincerely trusting that God's blessing may continue to rest on this Institution, in which so many young girls are being trained to a life of usefulness, and which embraces the relief and visitation of all deserving applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA GARDNER,

Secretary.

To shew how many have been benefited by this Charity during the past year the following return is given :

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| Girls admitted, | 23 |
| Sent out to service, | 4 |
| Returned to friends, | 11 |
| Average number of inmates, | 24 |
| Number of women supplied with work, | 15 |
| Families relieved and visited | 12 |
| Amount paid for sewing, &c., | £50 8 6 |
| The Monthly Expenses, not including rent, Matron's and Teacher's salaries, | 12 10 0 |

N.B.—Upwards of forty women and girls have got situations or employment, who have applied at the Home.

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

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| MISS HERVEY | <i>1st Directress.</i> |
| MRS. DURNFORD, | <i>2nd do.</i> |
| MRS. CORNISH, | <i>Treasurer.</i> |
| MISS GARDNER, | <i>Secretary.</i> |

COMMITTEE :

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| MRS. WILSON. | MISS RAE. | MRS. J. M. THOMSON. |
| HON. MRS. ROLLO. | MRS. HUTCHENS. | MRS. BONAR. |
| MRS. AUSTIN. | MRS. HALL. | MRS. J. LEEMING. |
| MRS. McDONALD. | MRS. BRYSON. | MISS L. BARRETT. |
| MRS. DAWSON. | MRS. WATKINS. | MRS. LAPELLETRIE. |
| MRS. HEMMING. | MRS. BAYNES. | MRS. JOHNSTON. |
| MRS. N. B. CORSE. | MRS. COLLARD. | MRS. J. LOVELL. |
| MRS. REDDY. | MRS. P. REDPATH. | MRS. A. MORRIS. |
| MRS. CRAWFORD. | MRS. GREEN. | MRS. E. LANE. |
| MRS. SUTHERLAND. | MRS. J. H. HENDERSON. | MRS. FERRIER. |
| MRS. LAMPLOUGH. | MRS. BURNETT. | MRS. N. S. WHITNEY. |
| MRS. VENNOR. | MRS. E. MILLS. | MRS. STIRLING. |
| MRS. CLAXTON. | MISS BIRSS. | MRS. JAMES NELSON. |

YOUNG LADIES' COMMITTEE :

MISS RINTOUL.
MISS GARDNER.
MISS VENNOR.
MISS BELHOUSE.
MISS HALL.

THE MISSES CORSE.
THE MISSES COURT.
MISS BROWN.
THE MISSES WATKINS.
THE MISSES LEEMING.

Moved by IRA GOULD, Esq., and seconded by JAMES HERVEY, Esq. :—

“ That the Report which has now been read be accepted and printed for circulation, and that the Ladies named therein be Office Bearers and Committee for the ensuing year.”

Moved by T. M. TAYLOR, Esq., and seconded by A. MORRIS, Esq. :—

“ That this meeting expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for the good that has been accomplished, by means of this Institution, during the past year ; and also for the seasonable aid which He, in His kind providence, has vouchsafed in the hour of need.”

Moved by PROFESSOR CORNISH, and seconded by JOHN DOUGALL, Esq. :—

“ That in the opinion of this meeting there is need for the erection of a New Building, for the more efficient carrying on of the work of this Institution, and it refers the matter to the newly appointed Committee to bring it before the friends of the Institution at such time as they deem best.”

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

| <i>Donations received by Mrs. Austin.</i> | | <i>Collected by Miss Hervey.</i> | |
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| Rev. Canon Bancroft, .. | £0 10 0 | Miss Frothingham, | £2 0 0 |
| Hon. Robert Jones, | 5 0 0 | Mrs. James Court, | 2 10 0 |
| J. Dawson, Esq., | 1 10 0 | Mrs. G. Campbell, | 1 0 0 |
| Messrs. Cowan & Cross, .. | 1 10 10 | Mrs. John Torrance, | 1 5 0 |
| | | Mrs. Fraser, | 1 0 0 |
| | | Mrs. A. Morris, | 0 15 0 |
| | 8 10 10 | Mrs. Godfrey, | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. G. B. Greenshields, .. | 1 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. Wm. Cowan, | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. J. H. Henderson, .. | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. Henry Lyman, | 1 5 0 |
| | | Mrs. D. Torrance, | 1 0 0 |
| | | Mrs. J. Drummond, | 0 15 0 |
| | | Mrs. Popham, | 0 5 0 |
| | | Mrs. T. Gordon, | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. J. G. Mackenzie, .. | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. Lyman, | 0 15 0 |
| | | Mrs. Rintoul, | 0 5 0 |
| | | Mrs. T. Kay, | 0 10 0 |
| | | E. Muir, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | D. Davidson, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | John Young, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | Wm. Stephens, Esq., .. | 1 0 0 |
| | | Wm. Murray, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | Wm. Workman, Esq., .. | 1 5 0 |
| | | Ira Gould, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | F. Torrance, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | G. Browne, Esq., | 1 0 0 |
| | | J. Redpath, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | Mr. M'Ilhenny (Ottawa city) | 1 5 0 |
| | | Messrs. A. & D. Ferguson, | 1 0 0 |
| | | Mr. Nicholson, | 1 0 0 |
| | | Mr. Ramsay, | 0 10 0 |
| | | Messrs. Morgan, | 0 15 0 |
| | | Mr. Morrison, | 0 10 0 |
| | | G. Holland, | 0 5 0 |
| | | | £34 10 0 |
| | | <i>Per Mrs. Cornish.</i> | |
| | | T. M. Taylor, Esq., | 1 5 0 |
| | | T. Lyman, Esq., | 0 15 0 |
| | | Messrs. W. & T. Leeming, | 1 5 0 |
| | | | £37 15 0 |
| | £18 1 3 | | |

Subscriptions received by Mrs. Austin.

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| Mrs. C. Child, | £0 5 0 |
| Miss Hervey, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Collard, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Johnston, | 1 10 0 |
| Mrs. John Greenshields, .. | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Durnford, | 0 10 0 |
| Miss Gardiner, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. M'Donald, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Tasseltrie, | 0 7 6 |
| Miss Rae, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Wilson, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Baynes, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. John Stirling, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Dawson, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Col. Rollo, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Buchanan, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Crawford, | 1 5 0 |
| Mrs. Wenham, | 0 7 6 |
| Mrs. Austin, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Watkins, .. | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Cornish, | 0 10 0 |
| Miss Rae, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. E. Lane, | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Bryson, | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Dr. Reddy, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Sutherland, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. Lovell, | 0 15 0 |
| Mrs. Claxton, | 1 5 0 |
| Mrs. P. Redpath, | 0 5 0 |
| Received in small sums, .. | 0 6 3 |
| | £18 1 3 |

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| Collected by Mrs. John Leeming, | £2 10 0 | Mrs. Hugh Allan, | 0 10 |
| Mrs. Leeming's subscrip. | 2 10 0 | Mrs. E. Wright, | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. Galt, | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. C. Alexander, | 0 10 0 |
| | £5 0 0 | Mrs. R. Campbell, | 0 10 0 |
| | | Mrs. Stirling, | 0 10 0 |
| <i>Collected by Mrs. Bonar.</i> | | Mrs. Wm. Childs, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. E. M. | £3 5 0 | Mrs. C. Russell, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. E. K. Greene, | 1 0 0 | Mrs. J. Muir, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. T. L. Greene, | 0 5 0 | Mrs. Wm. Hibbard, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. M. H. Seymour, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. J. Ilsey, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. N. B. Corse, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. S. May, | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. T. B. Bonar, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. Lunn, | 0 10 0 |
| | £6 0 0 | Mrs. Wm. Harrington, .. | 0 6 3 |
| | | Miss S. Barrett, | 0 7 6 |
| <i>Collected by Mrs. T. M. Thomson.</i> | | Mrs. J. Ure Smyth, | 0 5 7½ |
| Robert Anderson, Esq., .. | £2 10 0 | Mrs. D. Fisher, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Winks, | 2 10 0 | Mrs. J. Baylis, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Burrett, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. J. Torrance, | 0 5 0 |
| Mr. Hinds, | 0 5 0 | Mrs. J. Milne, | 0 5 0 |
| C. Young, | 0 5 0 | Mrs. G. Hagar, | 0 5 0 |
| Mr. Reuben Taylor, | 0 5 0 | Mrs. T. S. Brown, | 0 5 0 |
| Gilmour Thomson, Esq., .. | 1 0 0 | Mrs. H. Chapman, | 0 5 0 |
| T. M. Thomson, Esq., ... | 1 5 0 | Mrs. J. Hilton, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Alfred Savage, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. H. Archibald, | 0 5 0 |
| Mr. Reid, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. Learmont, | 0 5 0 |
| | £9 10 0 | Mrs. Atwater, | 0 5 0 |
| | | Mrs. Maxwell, | 0 5 0 |
| <i>Collected by Miss L. Barrett.</i> | | Mrs. Tuttle, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. T. Peck, | £0 15 0 | Mrs. T. Workman, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Ferrier, sen., | 1 5 0 | Mrs. Lapeltrie, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. J. F. Ferrier, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. H. Seymour, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Ferguson, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. Theodore Hart, | 0 7 6 |
| Mrs. Alfred Savage, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. M'Donald, | 0 3 9 |
| | | J. M'Culloch, Esq., | 0 10 0 |
| | | | £16 0 7½ |

COLLECTIONS FOR THE HOME AND SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY.

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| By Mrs Austin—Donations, | £8 10 10 |
| “ Subscriptions, | 18 1 3 |
| | £26 12 1 |
| Miss Hervey's Collection, | 37 15 0 |
| Miss Lucy Barrett's “ | 16 0 7½ |
| Mrs. John Leeming's “ | 5 0 0 |
| Mrs. T. M. Thomson's “ | 9 10 0 |
| Mrs. Bonar's “ | 6 0 0 |
| | £100 17 8½ |

WORK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1859.

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| June.—Balance on hand, | £0 2 6 |
| Amount from sales and for work sent in, | 117 14 2½ |
| Sundry small sums received in aid of the poor, | 3 2 6 |
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| May 1st.—Amount to balance, | £120 19 2½ |
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| | £122 0 5½ |

DISBURSEMENTS.

1859.

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| April 30.—Materials to make up for sale, | £52 0 8½ |
| Paid women for needle work, | 50 8 6½ |
| Com. on sales and given to the poor, | 19 11 2½ |
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| | £122 0 5½ |
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| By balance due Treasurer, | £1 1 3 |

Upwards of £12 has been realized and paid over to ladies for other charities.

THE HOME AND SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY IN ACCOUNT WITH S. S. AUSTIN, TREASURER. CR.

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| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Rent to 1st May, | 50 | 0 | 0 | Cash in treasury, 1st May, 1859, | 6 | 8 | 3½ |
| Water Rate to 1st May, | 2 | 15 | 0 | Government Grant, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Bread | 33 | 9 | 3 | Subscriptions and Donations, | 100 | 17 | 8½ |
| Butcher Meat | 23 | 7 | 6 | Board of Children, | 59 | 11 | 3 |
| Groceries | 41 | 19 | 3 | School Fees, | 3 | 19 | 4½ |
| Milk, | 18 | 3 | 0 | *Received for Clothing, | 4 | 14 | 4½ |
| Furniture, | 2 | 12 | 11 | Balance remaining from Christmas dinner, .. | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| Clothing and Shoes to 1st May, | 24 | 8 | 11 | Interest from Savings Bank to 31st Decr., ... | 0 | 4 | 9½ |
| Wood, | 17 | 19 | 3 | | | | |
| Stationery and School Books to 1st May, | 5 | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| House Expenses, | 15 | 13 | 11 | | | | |
| Sundries, | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| Teacher's Salary, | 18 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Matron's " | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Cook's Wages, | 4 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Balance in Treasury on 1st May, 1860, ... | 7 | 14 | 7½ | | | | |
| Total, | 281 | 19 | 3½ | Total, | 281 | 19 | 3½ |

* Of the above amount received for the clothing of the children, £1 15s. was collected by Mrs. John Stirling.

SIDNEY SOPHIA AUSTIN.