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Fifth Annual Report,



### FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3rd JUNE, 1856.

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THE ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY.

The Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, having now completed their term of office, proceed to submit to the Corporation their Annual Report, of the present state and future prospects of the Institution, and to shew in what measure they have discharged the duties of the solemn trust committed to them.

In entering upon this their task, they beg leave humbly to record their deep sense of gratitude to the Giver of all good, and to express their sincere belief, that the efforts which have been made so universally and so energetically by all classes of persons, in behalf of the Protestant Orphan, have been most signally blest by Him " without whom we can do nothing."

From the date of the General Election of Officers in the preceding year, up to the 4th of July following, the Lady Managers were employed in discharging the usual routine business of the Society, no event of importance having occurred until the above date. It was then thought advisable to appoint "a Committee of Counsel," consisting of three gentlemen, viz: Mr. Robarts, Mr. Gurnett, and the Revd. Dr. Lett, that they might give their attention to Fiscal and other important matters, which could not be so efficiently managed by ladies. On the 10th of December following, Mr. John Wilcock, one of the contractors for building ' the Home,' applied for  $\pounds100$ on account of a balance due to him. The Committee of Counsel were requested to borrow this amount, and these gentlemen subsequently informed the Lady Managers, that they had negotiated a loan of  $\pounds100$  for three months, from the Bank of Upper Canada. In order to raise the necessary funds to meet this obligation, a Juvenile Entertainment was proposed, to take place on the 4th of January, 1856. The unprecedented and unexpected success of this entertainment will not soon be

forgotten. It is still fresh in the memory of all, that on that occasion, the St. Lawrence Hall was so crowded to overflowing, that many persons were unable to gain admittance, the readiness indeed of all classes of persons to assist with their time, their purse, and their labour, affords an ample and a gratifying proof, how very deeply the people of Toronto sympathize with the sorrows of the Protestant Orphan. On this memorable occasion the almost incredible sum of £178 15s. 9d. was collected.

On the 17th December, the Lady Managers were honoured by a communication from Her Excellency Lady Head, stating, that she had not only consented, that this entertainment should be placed under her Patronage, but also graciously intimating her intention of honouring it with her presence. The Lady Managers were honoured by a further communication from Lady Head, stating, that His Excellency the Governor General and herself were anxious to become Annual Subscribers to the amount of £5 each, and further, that Lady Head had consented to become the Patroness of the Institution. The Home was subsequently visited by Her Excellency, who was then pleased to express in warm terms, her approval of the management and general arrangement.

The Lady Managers feel happy in being now able to state, that two Deeds of Land have been presented to the First Directress, respectively, from the Hon. Robt. Baldwin and the Hon. W. Cayley, conveying in fee simple the ground upon which the Home is built. These Deeds were accompanied by a note from each of these gentlemen, expressing in kind terms their approval of the objects of our Society, and their good wishes for its welfare.

The Lady Managers feel much pleasure in stating that an old and well tried friend of the Institution, 'though now absent in body is still (as it were) present in spirit amongst us.' Amidst all the varied attractions of London and Paris she has not for one moment forgotten the Orphans' Home, over which, from its commencement, until the last year, she has presided with such ability and dignity, placing to the benefit of the Home, not only the advantages which her position enabled

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In reference to the number and condition of the children, the Lady Managers would remark, that there are at present on the books the large number of Fifty-four, and that Twentyfour have been admitted within the present year. Eight children have been either apprenticed or adopted, and Five were returned to their parents. Out of this number of Fifty-four, only one death has occurred. This leads them to the mention of Dr. Ogden's name, of whom the Lady Managers feel that they cannot speak too highly. This estimable gentleman continues to give his valuable services gratuitously, and with what success, the above statement will sufficiently indicate. In connexion with the appearance and condition of the children, the Lady Managers feel that they cannot pass unnoticed the conduct of the Matron, Mrs. Holmes, who amidst difficulties of no ordinary nature, continues to watch over her charge with a mother's care. The mental culture of the children has also of late engaged the attention of the Lady Managers, who have made arrangements for the instruction of the children. For this favour they are indebted to the services of several young ladies, who have kindly consented to attend two hours each day ; these arrangements promise so far to be eminently successful.

Various sums of money have been received during the year from different public bodies. Among these may be reckoned the sum of £7 10s. currency, being the amount of a collection made by the Orangemen, assembled in St. James' Cathedral, on the 12th July, 1855; also the sum of £30 currency, from an Orange Soirée held in November last, and presented to our Society by Orange Lodge No. 301; and also the sum of £5 from "The Odd Fellows."

Most valuable donations in kind continue to be received, by

which the resources of the Home have been materially assisted. For these and all such favours, the Lady Managers beg to return their most earnest thanks, and if they now omit the names of these contributors, they hope that these persons will not attribute their silence to indifference, but to the limited space, which their Annual Report must necessarily occupy.

The Lady Managers feel much pleasure in announcing that the amount from Annual Subscriptions is still increasing. They have further to state, that a sum of money in addition to the Annual Grant of  $\pounds 200$ , was applied for to the Government, they regret to say without success ; the Annual Grant, however, of  $\pounds 200$ , is included in the Parliamentary Estimates, now before Parliament, and it is to be hoped that this sum will be available for the expenses of the ensuing year.

The Lady Managers have not yet been able to complete the negotiation with the Government, respecting the two acres of land, to be given as an equivalent for the one acre on Victoria Square, surrendered to the Crown; but they feel satisfied that such an arrangement will only require time for its completion.

The Lady Managers were in expectation, that during their year of office, the offer made by Dr. Rees, and referred to in the three previous Reports, would have been realized, namely, that when the Corporation of this City purchased a lot of land, lying between Queen Street and St. Andrew's Market, the purchase money would be handed over to the Institution. This purchase was effected in November last. Dr. Rees however said, that he was not then in a position to fulfil his promise, but subsequently offered as an equivalent for the £370 purchase money, Stock at par to that amount in the Provincial Insurance Company. The Lady Managers were reluctantly compelled to decline this offer, because by accepting it they would involve themselves in a responsibility to a great extent. Dr. Rees has since written to Dr. Lett, to the following effect, viz : "that he has instructed his Solicitor, J. Hurd, Esquire, to execute a formal or legal instrument, containing full guarantees, to the Trustees of the Orphans' Home

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The legacy of  $\pounds 100$  bequeathed to this Institution by the late Miss Cameron, together with two years' interest thereon, amounting in all to the sum of  $\pounds 112$ , has been handed over by her representative, J. D. Cameron, Esquire.

The sum of £131 15s.7d. has been expended on the building during the past year in improvements and repairs, and the only debt now remaining due on the building is the sum of £25 due to Mr. Harper. For further particulars the Lady Managers would refer to the Report of the Treasurer, audited by T. P. Robarts, Esquire, and they take this opportunity of stating, that they fully recognize the services of this gentleman, to whom the Institution is deeply indebted, not merely as an active member of the Committee of Counsel, but also as the collector at different times of various sums of money, which he kindly remitted for the benefit of the Home.

The Lady Managers feel that they cannot close their Report without recording their deep and unanimous sense of the eminent services rendered to the Institution by its Chaplain, the Revd. Dr. Lett, to whose unwearied and constant exertions (under God's blessing) they consider the Institution to be deeply indebted for its present prosperity. They have always found this gentleman ready to devote his valuable time and services to the cause and interests of the Orphans' Home.

When indeed they consider the present condition and future prospects of the Home, the Lady Managers feel that they have much cause of thankfulness to Almighty God, who has evidently blessed their humble efforts in behalf of those whose lot has been indeed a sad one—they have never known a father's, and much more a mother's care. Trusting then in the continued protection of Him, who is emphatically the God of all such, the Lady Managers now resign into other hands, the care of the Orphans' Home, with earnest and heartfelt wishes for its future welfare.

ANNE H. SMALL, Secretary. C. GURNETT, First Directress.

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### LIST OF

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

#### FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS

TO THE

## ORPHANS' HOME.

	£	s.	d.
A Friend	25	0	0
Miss Arnold	1	0	0
Miss J. Arnold	1	0	0
Mrs. Betley	1	5	0
Mrs. Bowes	2	10	0
Mrs. J. H. Cameron	1	10	0
Mrs. W. Cayley	1	5	0
Mrs. Coulson	2	10	0
Mr. G. Denison	2	10	0
Mr. Galt	2	10	0
Mr. Holmes	0	5	0
Mr. Harrington	2	10	0
Mrs. McCutcheon	2	10	0
Mrs. McLean	2	10	0
The Mayor, (G. W. Allan,)	5	0	0
Mr. Perkins	5	0	0
Mr. G. Perkins	2	10	0
Mrs. T. G. Ridout	1	10	0
Mrs. I. Ridout	0	5	0
Mrs. Robinson	5	0	0
Mr. C. Robinson	1	0	0
Mrs. Strachan	2	0	0
Mrs. Jas. Strachan	1	0	0
Mrs. M. R. Vankoughnet	1	5	0
Mrs. Wakefield	1	0	0
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# THE TREASURER in Account with THE ORPHANS

Concession of the local division of the loca				
"	Balance on hand from last year.       £ 29 0 7         Less Amount of Check from C. & J. Mitchell entered       2 10 0         twice in last year's Account       2 10 0         Parliamentary Grant for 1855.       9         Subscriptions and Donations, as per List.       387 12 7         Donations hr (f) Old Follower?       387 12 7	26 200	10	By Cash paid the bec, on "Ordinary House. Fuel, vi Coke
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**	Net proceeds of the Juvenile Entertainment on 4th January, 1856, applied to payment of debts incurred for the Building. Amount of Legacy bequeathed to the Institution by the late Miss Janet Cameron, £100, and two years' interest thereon, £12, which has been handed over by her representative, J. D. Cameron, Esquire.	178 112		" Furniture " Stationery Thomp H. Row " Insurance Comp
Nor	TETwo sums of 15s. each have been received for Sarah Jane Johnson and Thomas Williamson, and deposited in the Savings Bank as Apprentices' Fund.			<ul> <li>Per Centi</li> <li>Surveying</li> <li>Improven</li> <li>Outstandi</li> <li>Harper,</li> <li>Willcoc</li> <li>O'Conn</li> <li>McGee</li> <li>in ful</li> </ul>
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Toronto, 3rd June, 1856.

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#### FORM OF INDENTURE FOR MALE ORPHANS.

THIS INDENTURE, made the day of , in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and , between the ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY, of Toronto, Incorporated by Act of the Provincial Parliament of Canada, 14 and 15 Victoria, chap. xxxiv., of the one part, and

of the other part; WITNESSETH, that the said Corporation (by and with the consent of the minor hereinafter named), hath placed and bound a minor child, aged years'and months, as a to and with the said party of the second part, from the day of the date hereof, until the day of , which will be in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and , during all which time the said child shall faithfully serve the said party of the second part, and in all things demean himself as a good and faithful

ought to do. And the said party of the second part, in consideration of the labor and services to be received from the said child, doth hereby promise and undertake to feed and clothe the said child in a fit and proper manner, according to the respective station of the parties; to bring up the child in the principles of the Protestant Religion, according to the doctrine and discipline of the United Church of England and Ireland; to instruct the said child in reading and writing; to teach and instruct or otherwise cause to be taught and instructed, the said child in the Art or Trade of after the best manner that he can

to pay to the said Corporation, each year, until the expiration of the present Indenture, from the date hereof, the following sums, viz :—At the expiration of the first year, Twenty Shillings currency: of the second year, Twenty-five Shillings

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties to these presents have respectively set their Hands and Seals, and the Seal of the said Corporation, in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, in the presence of

### FORM OF INDENTURE FOR FEMALE ORPHANS.

THIS INDENTURE, made the day of , in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and , between the ORPHANS' HOME AND FEMALE AID SOCIETY, of Toronto, Incorporated by Act of the Provincial Parliament of Canada, 14 and 15 Victoria, chap. xxxiv., of the one part, and

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to pay to the said Corporation, each year, until the expiration of the present Indenture, from the date hereof, the following sums, viz:—At the expiration of the first year, Fifteen Shilling currency : of the second year, Twenty Shillings currency : o the third year, Twenty-five Shillings currency : of the fourd year, Thirty Shillings currency : of the fifth year, Thirty-fiv Shillings currency ; to be by the said party of the first par placed at interest, for the benefit of the said child and her us when this Indenture shall expire. And also, said party of the second part, with said money, shall transmit a statement i writing to the Secretary of the Corporation, of the condition and welfare of the said child. And lastly, at the expiration of the said ch conditi express party of hereby tions of themse minor, as they

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Forms of "Application for Apprentices" to be had of the Secretary, or at the Institution, Sullivan Street, near St. George's Square, Toronto.