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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Home and School of Industry was held on Wednesday, 15th of September, 1869, at the Institution, No. 478 Lagauchetière Street.

The chair was taken by Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., who read the Report of the Home and School of Industry, and the Treasurer's Statement up to date.

John Dougall, Esq., seconded by Joseph McKay, Esq., moved the first resolution, viz.:

That the Report, with the Treasurer's, Statement now read, be adopted, printed, and circulated, and that the following be the office-bearers and committee for the ensuing year, viz.:

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| " J. Morris, | o. 2000ii, | " Alexander. |
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It was then moved by David McKay, Esq., seconded by Dr. Bell:

"That the gratitude of the benevolent and Christian citizens of Montreal is due and is hereby tendered to the self-denying and devoted ladies to whose instrumentality alone, under Divine guidance, the prosperity of this Institution is attributable."

Moved by Dr. Irvine, seconded by John Dougall, Esq. :

"It being desirable that this Institution enter into such necessary arrangements as will meet an increasing want felt by the Protestant community in the establishment of an infant nursery, therefore, this meeting respectfully and earnestly requests the Committee now appointed to take this matter into their consideration to proceed to action when the necessary funds are obtained."

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Your Secretary has much pleasure in presenting to the friends and supporters to this Institution its Twenty-first Annual Report, and records with feelings of gratitude to God the measure of success that has attended the efforts of the Committee in carrying on their work.

It has been deemed advisable to give a synopsis of this Institution since its commencement in 1847, as it is proposed to enlarge its usefulness by connecting with it a Nursery Establishment for the accommodation of infants and young children of Protestant parents.

From the first report of this Charity, we learn that during the first six months it was only a School of Industry, in which the elements of a plain and useful education were taught to over thirty young girls. Total expenditure for rent of room, teacher's salary, fuel, books, &c., \$110. Each scholar paid two pence per week.

The four following years a Repository was connected with the school, to supply the mothers of the children, and other deserving applicants, with needlework, and aid the funds by the sale of work done by the girls.

An Infant School was added in 1852, and in 1854 a larger house was taken, and girls upwards of eight years of age, who were left destitute or whose widowed mothers had to take situations, were admitted to be trained for service. A Parliamentary Grant of \$400 was obtained the following year, and three nurseries were then fitted up for infants, and during the two years they were carried on there was much to encourage the Committee in the prosecution of this labour of love. The women admitted as nurses were each required to nurse a babe along with their own, thus affording a home to destitute mothers with their infants. Pro-

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bably from the want of publicity given to the importance of this Nursery Department, sufficient funds were not supplied to carry it on, so the Committee had reluctantly to give it up; but not without entertaining the hope that a benevolent public would see the necessity, at no distant period, of providing a comfortable home for such helpless little ones. In 1855 a work department was added to the Institution, for the purpose of supplying deserving applicants with needlework of different kinds, and in 1861 the necessity of the Industrial Rooms was so much felt that a separate house was taken, and for two years managed by a Sub-Committee. When the House of Refuge was opened a few years ago, it was unanimously agreed to have the Industrial Department removed to that Institution.

As may be seen by referring to the previous reports, the expenditure of the Institution has never exceeded \$1400 per annum. Average number of inmates 38. Rent, fuel, matron and teacher's salaries, and maintenance of over 30 children, testify to the economy with which the institution has been managed. It may not be out of place here, to advert to the pecuniary difficulties in which this institution has on several occasions been involved, as timely assistance invariably came from unlooked for sources—kind and Christian friends volunteered on two or three occasions to collect in aid of the funds; thus encouraging your Committee to feel assured that the homeless young ones, thrown upon their care, would be graciously provided for by their Heavenly Father.

Since the commencement of this year two esteemed members of the Committee, Mrs. Collard and Mrs. McNaughton, have been removed by death. They were for many years connected with the Institution, and took a warm interest in its welfare. Of them it may be truly said: "Biessed are the dead, that die in the Lord; they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Since September, 1868, eleven children have been admitted, under twelve years of age, seven have been taken away by friends, and four have been provided with comfortable homes. It has been gratifying to your Committee to hear, from time to time, that the girls sent out to service are behaving well. In one instance a young girl was sent to a situation without the previous consent of

her mother; as none of the Committee knew where to find her. The mother gave the ladies a great deal of trouble, compelling them to send to Sorel for her child. The gentleman under whose care she had been placed, nearly a year before, brought the girl to the Institution two weeks ago, and her mother was so much pleased with her healthy appearance, and convinced she was very happy and well cared for in every respect, allowed her to return.

Several children have been placed in the Institution during the past year, whose mothers, left destitute, work hard, and cheerfully give what they can for their children's support, and it is most gratifying to see with what regularity these small sums are paid.

One young girl died of consumption, in the English Hospital, during the past year.

The grateful thanks of the Committee are returned to Mr. Vogt and his pupils, for a concert given in March in aid of the Building Fund, which realized the handsome sum of \$150 after expenses were paid, which, with \$50 given to Miss Hervey for the same object, has been put out to interest.

Thanks are also returned to Dr. McCallum who, with his usual generosity, has visited the Institution during the past year gratuitously. The ladies who have collected, beg to express a sense of their obligation to those gentlemen and ladies on whom they called, for subscriptions so liberally given, also to John Lovell, Esq., for printing the annual report.

The teacher and matron, Mrs. Andrews and Miss McCulloch, are discharging their duties to the satisfaction the Committee.

The grateful thanks of the ladies are returned to those gentlemen who have given donations in money or provisions.

The present number of inmates is 36 children, together with matron, teacher, nurse and cook.

In bringing this report to a close, your Committee would cherish the hope, that by an increased liberality, and by ladies coming forward to assist in the management of this charity, the sphere of its usefulness may be greatly extended, and a comfortable home provided for little helpless and destitute ones, assured that our Heavenly Father will crown all such efforts with His divine blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

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