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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS LOUISE,
THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN, THE LADY FRANCES BALFOUR.
THE MARCHIONESS OF LANSDOWNE.

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Women's Protective Immigration Society.

The annual meeting of the Women's Protective Immigration Society was held on Monday, Dec. 10th, at 3 p.m. J. J. CURRAN, ESQ., M.P., occupied the Chair, and among those present were the Rev. Canon Ellegood, Rev. Canon Cooper, Rev. R. Lindsay, Rev. J. Patterson, Mr. T. A. Evans, Mrs. Elmenhorst, Mrs. Blaiklock, Mrs. Brakenridge, Mrs. Cramp, Mrs. Clouston, Mrs. M. H. Gault, Mrs. H. E. Murray, Miss Macdonald, Mrs. Mussen, Mrs. Reuben Taylor, Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, and others.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Although the Seventh annual report of the Montreal Women's Protective Immigration Society, which is now presented, cannot enumerate many features calling for special remark, the Managers are nevertheless glad to be able to state that the work has successfully continued its useful career, and may safely be said to become more efficient in carrying out the object of its establishment, by the experience gained from year to year.

An important step taken by the Society during last year has been the appointment in Quebec of an agent, Mrs. Corneil, who during the summer months has met all incoming steamers. She has personally forwarded all the young women consigned to the Society to Montreal; and has advised and directed any immigrant women who required assistance. Six parties, numbering in all 101, have come from the United Englishwomen's Society through the Hon. Mrs. Joyce, they were accompanied by a Matron (Miss Turnbull); also a party of 13 was sent under the care of Miss Jones from the Church Emigration Society. Besides these 205 immigrants have been received, most of

them being directed to the Society by the Rev. J. Bridger, Miss Macdonald (Aberdeen), Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Vatcher, Mr. Mann (East End Emigration Fund), and Mrs. Forster (Bristol). The character of these girls is carefully investigated before they are accepted as emigrants. They bring with them a Doctor's certificate as to health, and their duly accredited references. Only a very small percentage have been (so called) promiscuous immigrants.

Of the 319 registered on our books there were 261 English, 31 Irish, 22 Scotch, 3 Welsh, 1 Hungarian, 1 German. Of these 261 were Church of England, 32 Roman Catholics, 19 Presbyterians, the rest were Methodists, and members of other denominations.

All were domestic servants, with the exception of 32 of a superior class, who have this year found employment much more readily than in former years.

One hundred and forty-one boarders availed themselves of the shelter of the Home in Mansfield Street, being arrivals of former years who needed a rest, or were out of employment for a short time.

The Managers of the Girls' Friendly Society still retain one room in the house for the accommodation of young girls belonging to that Society. It has been constantly occupied during the year.

The reduction in the number of arrivals this year against last year is, no doubt, caused by a measure adopted after April 28th, by the Government having withdrawn assisted passages for domestic servants, also the free ticket from Quebec to Montreal, which had been granted for a good many years.

The trains and steamers arriving at Montreal have been met by the Secretary, who has faithfully discharged the duty of seeking out the immigrants, and of bringing them to the Home.

Thanks are due to the officials at the sheds of the steamers, for their kind courtesy and help, also to the officials at the Dominion and Quebec immigration offices for their unvarying kindness and assistance.

The Home has been almost daily visited by a member of the Board of Management, all of whom have expressed their satisfaction with the Matron (Mrs. Mahoney); the Registry office is in her charge, under the superintendence of the visiting ladies. This department of the work may well be called one of the most difficult, as it is almost impossible to arrive at a correct estimate of a girl's character and capability during the short stay she makes in the house.

A reference to the Treasurer's Report shows that four girls had to be sent back to the country from which they came; two were of bad character, the two others were unable, through delicate health, to earn a livelihood.

Loans have been advanced to the sum of \$62.00; there is every probability that this money will soon be refunded. Last year's experience shows again how wrong it is to allow young girls to travel alone, instead of arranging for them to join a protected party, or a respectable family travelling in the same ship. The change from domestic service, or the strict supervision of an Institution, to the freedom and self-responsibility of the sea-voyage, is too great a temptation for many young girls, they make undesirable acquaintances, and inevitably get into trouble. It would be well if all those who advise girls to emigrate could only be convinced of this!

Our kind physician, Dr. Richard Macdonnell, has been obliged to leave Montreal for a time, on account of ill-health; Dr. Finlay has been good enough to accept his place during his absence.

May God's blessing rest with this work, and may we always bear in mind that, that which is done to these strangers is done unto Him!

The whole respectfully submitted,

M. RIPPON,

Secretary W.P.I.S. Society.

The Chairman after reading the above report called on Mr. Evans to read the report of receipts and expenditure, which he did on behalf of Miss Evans, the treasurer.

The treasurer's report showed that the gross income of the society for the year was \$3,211.75, of which sum the Dominion Government gave \$1,000, the Provincial Government \$500. There were private subscriptions to the amount of \$36. The balance was made up by payments from boarders, &c. A small balance remains in the hands of the treasurer.

Mr. Evans then moved that the reports now read be adopted and printed under the direction of the committee.

Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay, in seconding this resolution, said he had watched over the work of the society for a long time, and he felt it was doing a great and good work. He thought it a cause of congratulation that out of 319 female immigrants, only four were unfit for work here, and had to be sent back to their homes. For thirty years he had taken an interest in immigrants, and he was more impressed every year with the great importance of showing kindness to those that come to make their homes amongst us. He instanced cases of a parishioner of his own in a country parish, and of a former president of the society, as showing the importance of receiving kindly and caring for immigrants. Two things appeared to him to be necessary, that care should be taken that the persons brought out are proper persons, and then that proper places should be found for them. He believed the society had done untold good, and he had great pleasure in seconding the resolution, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Rev. Canon Ellegood then moved the next resolution as follows:—

That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby tendered, to the ladies who formed the board of management last year, and that the following shall be elected for the coming season:—President, Mrs. Elmenhorst; first vice-president, Miss Moffatt; second vice-president, Miss Macdonald; third vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Hill; honorary secretary, Mrs. Mussen; honorary treasurer, Miss Evans; board of management, Mrs. E. H. Botterell, Mrs. Blaiklock, Mrs. Brakenridge, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Cramp, Mrs. Clouston, Mrs. M. H. Gault, Mrs. J. Gillespie, Mrs. Aspinwall Howe, Mrs. H. E. Murray, Mrs. R. Taylor and Mrs. S. Taylor.

Canon W. H. Cooper, F. R. G. S., in seconding the resolution, said he represented the other end of the work they were

engaged in, and as he had now brought out five parties of immigrants from England, and had assisted in selecting them in the old country, his testimony as to the value of the work done by the presidents and ladies who formed the board of management might be allowed, he thought, to carry some little weight. When working independently in the cause of immigration he always made use of the "Home" for his female immigrants, and since he had founded the Church Emigration Society, that society had continued to send its matrons and girls to the same institution where they were well cared for, carefully looked after, not only as regards their lodging and board, but also as regarded their morals. Two years since Mrs. Cooper and one of the Church Emigration society's matrons had stopped for several weeks at the "Home," and their testimony as to the efficiency and kind attention of Mrs. Mahoney the matron, and her anxiety to help the girls who came to her for advice, should be most gratifying to the presidents and board of management. Mention had been made of unsuitable immigrants being sent out. They could have no idea how difficult it was to prevent some who were unsatisfactory from joining a party. So many people at home who were kindly disposed, and wished to give a girl what they would call another chance, were always ready to stretch a point in giving characters to girls. Still he believed that only two of the young women he had brought out had not been perfectly satisfactory. He was about to return to England to spend three months there, and to return in May, when he hoped to bring with him a large party of immigrants of a superior class. He would most heartily second the resolution that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to those ladies who have done so good a work, and have done it so well, in the past year and that the list of names as read constitute the officers for the ensuing year.

The motion was carried. Rev. Mr. Patterson made a few remarks on the general usefulness of the Society, and expected a very favorable opinion of the management of the Home.

Rev. Canon Ellegood moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by the president, Mrs. Elmenhorst, and carried.

The Chairman, while thanking the meeting for the hearty vote of thanks they had given him, wished to assure the president that he had the greatest pleasure in presiding. It was most gratifying to hear the testimony as to the value of the work done by the society, given by a gentleman of such experience in the work of immigration as they had among them that day, and also to know that such care was taken in the selection of immigrants, so that Canada should not be made the dumping ground for all kinds of unsuitable persons. He would always be ready to help forward the cause of so valuable an institution by every means in his power.

The meeting then adjourned.

DR. THE WOMEN'S IMMIGRATION-SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH JANEY S. EVANS, TREASURER. CR.

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Girls' Friendly Society of London.—Patron: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN;
Presidents: His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, His Grace
the Archbishop of York.

Women's Emigration Society of London.—Patroness:—H. R. H. THE
PRINCESS LOUISE.

United Englishwomen's Emigration Association.

Church Emigration Society.—Hon. Secretary, Miss Denison, 196 Cromwell
Road, London, S.W.

Working Ladies' Guild.—Patron:—Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of
London.

Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants.—Vice-Presi-
dents:—Countess Durie and Countess Russell.

Ladies' Association for the Care of Friendless Girls.—President: Mrs.
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East End Emigration Fund.—Secretary: Mr. Mann.

Female Middle Class Emigration Society.—19 Sutherland Garden, Harrow
Road, London N.

Training House for Girls.—Skeldergate, Yorkshire, England.—Patrons:
His Grace the Archbishop of York and Mrs. Thompson.

Donations of poultry, fruit, and pudding were sent by the Ladies' of the Board of Management at Christmas time.

Three gallons of astral oil from Messrs. Bastian gratefully received, and quantities of kindling wood from time to time from Grant, St. Catherine Street. Thanks are due to the Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway, for allowing the baggage of immigrants staying at the Home to be stored (until claimed) free of charge.

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