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MONTREAL PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

THE PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM has existed in Montreal for twenty-eight years, having been established in the year 1822, under the immediate auspices of the Clergymen of the Protestant Churches, by whom the Constitution of the Society was drawn up. This Charity has since been continued and supported by the voluntary contributions of the citizens of Montreal, aided, since the year 1832, by an annual Parliamentary grant.

The Directresses have encountered many of the difficulties incident to young and unendowed institutions of a similar nature, in their progress of utility ; but, under the blessing of Divine Providence, they have been enabled to keep out of debt, and to receive and provide for over five hundred Orphans since its establishment; it is deemed unnecessary here to dilate on the internal management of the Institution, as the Annual Reports are regularly published, and the Rules enforced adverted to. Suffice it to say that the children are carefully and religiously instructed, and, when about to be placed out, certificates from Clergymen are required that the applicants are persons fit to be entrusted with the care of children. The most serious inconvenience the Society has hitherto experienced, has arisen from the great difficulty of procuring, in a populous city like Montreal, a salubrious and suitable dwelling ; and when epidemic or contagious sickness has visited the Asylum, the circumscribed premises occupied by them has been a source of danger and anxiety, both to the children and the Ladies whose duty it is to visit and provide for their welfare.

To obviate these difficulties, it has for many years been the cherished object of the Directresses to obtain the means of erecting a building for the purposes of an Asylum ; and, with that desirable end in view, they solicited and procured from the Provincial Legislature in 1843, an Act of Incorporation, authorising them to hold landed estate.

Subsequently they obtained from the Honourable Mr. Justice Smith, the late Duncan Fisher, Esq., Q. C., and the other proprietors of the M^cTavish property, a donation of a valuable lot of land in St. Catherine Street, being a most favourable situation. One lot being deemed insufficient, the adjoining lot was purchased for the sum of £175, and the friends of the Institution then proceeded to solicit

subscriptions towards the erection of such an Asylum as would reflect credit alike on the benevolence and good taste of a city renowned for charitable deeds.

In 1847, the sum of £800 was cheerfully subscribed by many kind friends, and promises of further assistance held out by so many others that the Ladies considered themselves justified in commencing the building, to the extent of their available funds, and at the commencement of the year 1848, contracts were therefore entered into for the mason and joiner work, to the extent of £964.

But in the interval it pleased Divine Providence to afflict this city with unprecedented commercial distress; and several of the subscribers, with the best intentions, were not able to fulfil their promises of aiding in this good work.

Could they have foreseen the great monetary changes which then took place they would have deferred their undertaking; but the above promises, and the then prosperous state of the times, fully authorised the commencement of the building—so that many were the anxieties of the Directresses during the progress of the building, lest the funds on which they depended to pay their contractors should, at the hour of need, not be forthcoming; however, with the generous assistance of other kind friends during the years 1848 and 1849, and by appropriating (as a loan) the sum of £284 from the reserved funds of the institution, they were able to complete the building externally, and do sufficient to the interior to make it tenantable; and on 1st May, 1849, were enabled to remove the officers and orphans to their new home—since when they have done much towards the internal finishing and necessary comforts of such an institution; and although the sum of £1340 14s. 2d. has, up to the 30th December, 1849, being actually expended on the new building, it is still far from being finished as originally intended—and the above mentioned sum of £284, borrowed from the Reserve Fund, as a temporary loan, must be repaid, and placed at interest in the Savings' Bank, as soon as possible, it being destined to supply at an emergency, any deficiency in the annual subscriptions and donations for the household expenditure and support of the orphans; but to attain this end and at same time complete the building, a further sum of £450 is required, and the Directresses now most earnestly appeal to those of their fellow citizens who have not yet contributed, to come forward and lend their aid.

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ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1848.

THE Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Ladies of the PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM, of the City of Montreal, was held in the House of the Institution, St. Antoine Street, on Thursday, the 11th of January, 1849, the Revd. W. Bond, of St. George's Chapel, presiding,—when the following Annual Report, and the Treasurer's accounts, were submitted, read and adopted:—

MONTREAL PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, which the Directresses have now the honor of laying before the Corporation, will be found, by those interested in its prosperity, to contain subjects of the highest interest to its future welfare.

The long cherished wish of possessing a permanent and convenient residence for the objects of the Society is no longer a matter of speculation, but has been carried into execution, as far as means permitted. The urgent appeals of the last two years to the liberality of our citizens, have been answered as might have been anticipated from a Christian and charitable community, conscious of many *home blessings* possessed, and anxious to extend them to those who are homeless.

That in times of such well known pecuniary distress as the present, the Society should own a building, covered in, though not completed, is a subject of unfeigned congratulation, and humble thanksgiving to that Being, by whose inspiration the benevolence of so many persons has been excited.

Many have been the anxieties suffered by the Directresses during the progress of the building, even to its present unfinished state, lest the means on which they depended should (not from the want of well-disposed contributors, but from the scarcity of money) fail at the moment of need.

But under all discouragements, conscious of the sacred duty they had undertaken, and relying on that Providence which, for twenty-seven years, has never deserted them, they have persevered, and, as above mentioned, succeeded in covering in, and securing against frost, their New Asylum.

But here, this good work cannot rest: *very much* has been done, but much also remains to do.

The resources of the Ladies not permitting them to enter into new contracts with professional builders, for the completion of the house, they have committed to their Superintendent (himself a workman) the risk of rendering the place merely habitable for the reception of the children next spring, so as to be enabled to give up the lease of their present tenement in St. Antoine Street, and thereby save the house rent of another year.

On the first of May next (D. V.) the children and officers will be removed to the New Asylum, even in its present unfinished state;—and the attainment of the necessary conveniences for such a building must be left to the future benefactions of its friends.

However unfavorable may be the pecuniary state of the times—and it is admitted they are so at this moment—yet there are always in extensive communities like ours, many whose fixed incomes render them less dependent upon the fluctuations of trade, and whose systematic charities are not thereby reduced—to *them* the Directresses, with respectful confidence, appeal.

This Institution has been, from its origin, generously and steadily supported by the public, and the Directresses believing that the cause of that support, under Providence, has been the conviction of its friends, firstly, of its undoubted necessity and utility; and secondly, that the contributions made thereto, were justly and economically applied, now respectfully court an investigation into its management and direction, as well by reference to its accounts and vouchers, as by visiting the Institutions, both old and new. In the former will be seen how, with very limited accommodation, their young charge are cared for, and in the latter, a good, solid, and unpretending edifice, where the useful has been sacrificed to the ornamental, and where, a comparatively small additional amount of money, will secure to their children, a truly comfortable home.

By the building account produced, it will be seen that (in consequence of the pecuniary difficulties of the times, occurring after the undertaking had been commenced, and which could not be foreseen,)

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the Ladies have been compelled to draw on their ordinary funds to complete the required amounts. They have done so, to the full extent deemed safe, leaving only a sufficiency to meet the annual expenditure of the current year, and notwithstanding, it will be seen that there is still a small balance of £29 due to the contractors.

Another cause of anxiety, and which prompts the Directresses so urgently to press the completion of the building, is their desire, in the event of the return of Asiatic Cholera of being able to afford suitable accommodations to such orphans as will be necessarily thrown upon the public protection.

Under all these circumstances, therefore, the Ladies, with confidence, appeal to those of their fellow-citizens whose names are not yet appended to the annexed list of contributors to the Building Fund, in particular, and to the charitable in general, praying their aid and co-operation in the completion of this holy and benevolent work.

Before closing this fervent, but imperfect appeal, the Directresses avail themselves of the opportunity of pointing out to their lady friends how they can most effectually aid in this good work.

There are many among them, whose fortunes will not permit them to contribute towards the Building Fund; but there are very few whose means will not allow them to qualify themselves as members of the Corporation; thereby not only adding to the permanent annual income of the Society, but also—what is of equal importance—to its moral efficiency.

To those generous persons who have enabled them so far to realize their hopes by contributions liberally subscribed in the days of public prosperity, and yet most cheerfully paid in the day of pecuniary adversity, the Directresses tender their most grateful thanks. To Robert Mackay, Esq., Advocate, and Messrs. Gibb & Easton, Notaries, they also have pleasure in offering their acknowledgments for their gratuitous professional services in the execution of the necessary deeds, contracts, and ratifications of title.

Since the last Annual Report, the Directresses have to deplore the loss of a much respected friend and liberal patron of this Institution, in the person of the late Hon. James Reid, formerly Chief Justice of the District, whose consistent benevolence was marked even to the last, by the generous bequest of £100, which, with the kind permission of the Executrix, has been carried to the credit of the Building Fund.

The foregoing important duty discharged, the Ladies proceed to a statement of the domestic affairs of the Asylum for the past year.

At the last Anniversary there were in the Institution.....	34 Orphans
Received during the year.....	25
Benefitted during the year.....	—
Of this number were placed out.....	59
Taken by relatives and friends.....	20
Died.....	6
Remaining at present in Asylum.....	1
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The expenditure has been less than during the preceding year, although the number of inmates was greater, showing that a due attention to economy has not been wanting.

The establishment of a School Committee, to superintend the instruction of the children, has had a very beneficial result ; and the Directresses feel it their duty to offer their thanks to the Ladies of that Committee, praying a continuance of their care.

The Medical Officer of the Asylum, F. T. C. Arnoldi, Esq., M.D., is requested to accept the kindest acknowledgments of the Ladies for his valued professional services.

The Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Cribb, have afforded the Ladies the utmost satisfaction during the past year, and merit the thanks of the Corporation.

In conclusion, the Directresses respectfully beg leave once more to press upon the members of this Society the necessity of active and combined exertions to render certain the benefits now promised by the completion and occupation of the new Asylum, and to secure for it a permanent revenue by an accession of new members.

If each Lady now interested in the Institution, would, by gentle persuasion, enlist even one new subscriber, (and none can doubt the power, if the will be present,) its revenue from that source would be at once doubled. And is not the object to be attained deserving of such exertions? Can there be a more holy or benevolent cause than that of the Orphan? Is it not one in which every parent must sympathise? Greatly has the Almighty prospered the means thus far used, by unlocking the hearts of those possessed of this world's goods; and will He not be graciously pleased to extend his blessing on our continued labours? Hear his answer in the words of his inspired Prophet, and persevere,—“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

The whole respectfully submitted.

ANNE M'CORD,
Secretary, P. O. A.

Montreal, 11th January, 1849.

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The Building Fund of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum, in Account Current with Jane Ross, Treasurer.

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To this sum paid to Messrs. Hutchison & Morrison, being amount of their contract for Mason Work, as per Mr. Ostell's certificate....	477 6 4	By this sum received from Freemasons, being subscriptions collected on the occasion of laying foundation stone to the Freemasons' Hall, in Dalhousie Square, in October, 1846.....	30 0 0
To this sum paid to Mr. Alexr. Macdonald, being amount of his contract for Carpenters Work, as per Mr. Ostell's certificate.....	£487 8 0	By this sum collected from Sundries, as per Alphabetical List annexed.....	855 15 4
Less still unpaid, 28 16 5	458 11 7	By interest received from Savings' Bank on deposits, to 31st December, 1848.....	15 7 3
To this sum paid to Mr. Ostell, on account of his services as Architect.....	25 0 0	By this sum refunded by Government, being for the transport of 12 Immigrant Orphans to Ship-ton, paid for out of the funds of the William Street Asylum, and now appropriated to the Building Fund by order of Committee.....	6 0 0
To amount of Messrs. Hugh Taylor and others' claim for lot of land on St. Catherine Street, as per deed.....	£175 0 0	By this sum received from Government, being for proceeds of sale of Stoves, &c., on closing the William Street Asylum, and now appropriated to the Building Fund by order of Committee.....	7 11 2
Less still unpaid, 75 0 0	100 0 0	By this sum taken from Reserve Fund of the Asylum, and appropriated to the Building Fund by order of Committee.....	215 0 0
To paid expense of Ratification of Title of Land.....	5 19 0		
To paid for copy of Specifications	0 15 0		
To paid Insurance on New Building in St. Catherine Street, to 7th October, 1849, on £600.....	3 4 2		
To paid extra Insurance on ditto for carpenters risk to 6th June, 1849.....	2 15 0		
To paid Postage.....	0 2 1		
To amount of Mr. Cribb's contract to complete Building in St. Catherine Street, £300 0 0	£300 0 0		
Less still unpaid, 250 0 0	50 0 0		
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Cash on hand this day.....	5 19 6		
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JANE ROSS,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 30th December, 1848.

Alphabetical List of Subscriptions to the Building Fund of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum, received prior to the 30th December, 1848.

Anderson, T. B.	5 0 0
Armour, Robt.	5 0 0
Allan, Hugh	2 10 0
Armour, John	1 5 0
Atwater, E.	0 15 0
Barratt, Miss	10 0 0
Barrett, Miss Lucy	5 0 0
Barrett, Mr.	5 0 0

Boston, Mr. Sheriff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Baldwin, Honble. Robt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Brush, Mrs. Geo.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Belton, Mr.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Breary, J. R.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Corse, R. & H.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Coffin, Mr. Sheriff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Campbell, Major	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Campbell, Dr. G. W.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Campbell, R.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Christie, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Chapman, Mrs. H.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Chalmers, R.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Dow, Wm.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
Davidson, Mrs. of Carrickfergus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Donations, (sundry)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	5	4
Day, Mr. Justice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Day, J. J.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Davidson, David	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Dodds, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Elgin, Her Excellency the Countess of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	0
Edmonstone, Wm.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Easton, Robt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Easton, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Evans, Mrs. J. H.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Friend, An Old	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Frothingham, John	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
Finlayson, D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Ferrier, Honble. Jas.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Frothingham, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Friend, at Lachine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Ferguson, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Friend, per Mr. Gemmill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	12	6
Gerrard, Samuel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Gilmour, James	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Gerrard, Richard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Greenshields, John	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Greene, Mr.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Gerrard, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Galt, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Greenshields, J. B.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Gillespie, Robt., Senr.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Gibb, B.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Gordon, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	6
Holmes, Dr. A. F.	5	0	0
Harvey, Mr. James	5	0	0
Hamilton, Mrs. Robt.	5	0	0
Holloway, Mrs. Colonel	3	0	0

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Hamilton, R. H.	1 5 0
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Hall, Mrs., Ottawa Hotel	0 10 0
Innes, Mr.	1 10 0
Kay, Thomas	5 0 0
Keith, James, Aberdeen, N. B.	2 10 0
Leslie, Honble. James	10 0 0
Logan, James	5 0 0
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Moffatt, Honble. Geo.	25 0 0
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McKay, Robt.	10 0 0
McGillivray, Miss	5 0 0
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McKay, Joseph	0 10 0
McCoy, Mr.	0 10 0
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Ostell, John, from a Special Jury	1 10 0
Phillips, Mrs. C.	3 0 0
Payne, Dr.	2 10 0
Prentis, Mrs.	0 10 0
Perkins, Mr.	0 10 0
Reid, Chief Justice, legacy	100 0 0
Do. Donation	50 0 0
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Richardson, Mrs.	5 0 0
Routh, H. L.	5 0 0

Ramsay, Hew	5 0 0
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Ross, Mrs. D. P.	2 10 0
Rose, John	2 10 0
Scott, James	20 0 0
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Smith, John	5 0 0
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Smith & Morgan	2 10 0
Stephens, Mrs. H.	2 10 0
Simpson, Mrs. Alex.	1 5 0
Shaw, Mrs. Andrew	0 10 0
Sproston, J.	0 5 0
Taylor, Mr.	5 0 0
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Tuttle, E. C.	1 5 0
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The General Fund of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum, in account current with Jane Ross, Treasurer.

<p>Dr.</p> <p>To this sum paid for the expenses of the Asylum from 1st January, to 30th December, 1848, both inclusive.....£265 16 8</p> <p>To paid 1 years Rent for House, in St. Antoine Suburbs..... 60 0 0</p> <p>To paid premium of Insurance on Furniture..... 0 18 0</p> <p>To this sum paid to balance the expenditure of the William Street Asylum, being the amount short received from Government..... 3 15 6</p> <p>To this sum appropriated by order of the Committee in various sums during the past year to the Building Fund..... 215 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£545 4 2</p> <p>To balance on hand, 30th December, 1848..... 282 8 9</p> <p>Currency.....£827 12 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. & O. E.</p>	<p>CR.</p> <p>By balance on hand, 31st December, 1847.....£604 0 11</p> <p>By Loan to William Street Asylum made last year, now returned..... 16 2 6</p> <p>By amount of annual subscriptions, donations and collections, received from various friends during the past year..... 73 17 6</p> <p>By grant from House of Assembly.. 100 0 0</p> <p>By interest on deposit account received from the Montreal Savings Bank to 30th December, 1848..... 33 12 0</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><hr/>£827 12 11</p> <p>Currency.....£827 12 11</p>
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JANE ROSS,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 30th December, 1848.

The Members then proceeded to the election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year, and the following were unanimously elected:—

First Directress—Mrs. Wilkes.
Second Directress—Mrs. Coffin.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ross.
Secretary—Mrs. McCord.

COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT.

Mrs. Anderson.
 Miss Barrett.
 Mrs. Bond.
 Mrs. Day.
 Mrs. Dunkin.
 Mrs. Ferrie.
 Mrs. Filder.
 Mrs. Arthur Fisher.
 Miss Frothingham.
 Mrs. A. F. Holmes.
 Miss Leslie.
 Mrs. H. Lyman.

Mrs. Mackenzie.
 Mrs. Macfarlane.
 Mrs. Mackay.
 Mrs. Moffatt.
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 Mrs. Payne.
 Mrs. H. Ramsay.
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 Miss E. Smith.
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ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR, 1849.

THE Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Ladies of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, of the City of Montreal, was held in the House of the Institution, St. Catherine Street, on Tuesday, the 8th of January, 1850, the Rev. Alex. Mathieson, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, presiding, when the following Annual Report and the Treasurer's Accounts were submitted, read and adopted :—

MONTREAL PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Ladies Directresses, before entering upon the ordinary business of the day, beg leave to offer to the members of the Corporation and their friends, their hearty congratulations on the occasion of this, their first Annual Meeting held within the walls of their own dwelling, and with them, to record their united and humble thanksgiving to that Divine Providence which has thus mercifully spared them to see the fulfilment of their anxious prayers.

This commodious, (though unfinished) edifice was formally taken possession of, at the Monthly Meeting held on the 4th day of June last, when the Directresses, impressed with the above feelings, deemed it their duty to open their first Meeting with that solemnity and reverence due to HIM who had so graciously crowned their humble exertions in providing them with a home, and had so manifestly blessed them during the progress of the work ; and, in furtherance of this purpose.—The Rev. W. Bond, the Rev. Alex. Mathieson, D.D., and the Rev. R. McGill, were invited to attend, together with such of the contributors towards the erection of the building, as might find it convenient to be present.

The Rev. Mr. McGill being in the Chair, the Rev. Mr. Bond opened the Meeting with a beautiful and impressive prayer ; and both the Rev. gentlemen addressed the Meeting in forcible and

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eloquent language, recapitulating the past blessings bestowed on the labours of the Society, and concluding with earnest exhortations to continue those labours with unrelaxing zeal, holding out, from the results of the past, the almost certain success which must follow perseverance in so holy an undertaking.

This, although the Twenty-Eighth year of the Society's existence, is, in fact the first of a new and important era in the history of the Institution, requiring, with a more permanent foundation, renewed and increased exertions to secure the accomplishment of their yet very incomplete establishment.

The Directresses now proceed to lay before their friends a statement of their affairs:—

The Land was originally purchased for the sum of	£175	0	0
Of which has been paid	100	0	0
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Leaving a balance of	£ 75	0	0

The Contracts for mason and joiner work to erect the walls, and cover in the building, were £964 14s. 4d.

The *whole of which* has been paid, together with the further sum of £25 paid to Mr. Ostell for plans, &c., &c., and £35 13s. 10d. for extras—Insurance and sundry unavoidable expenses.

To render the building habitable—floors, partitions, plastering, &c., were necessary, and a further contract was entered into with Mr. Cribb, their Superintendent, (to be executed by degrees, and in proportion as donations to the building fund should be received) to the extent of	£300	0	0
Of this has been paid	215	6	0
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Leaving a balance to finish the building of	£ 85	0	0
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Which added to the balance on Land, makes the entire debt of the Corporation	£160	0	0
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It is true that the sum of £35 can scarcely be called a debt till the work is done, but until that sum be raised, the Institution suffers from the want of its spacious school room—and infirmary, both of which are unfinished, as well as the entrance door.

It is with pleasure that the Ladies mention that the housekeeping expenses of the last year, have been less than the preceding one by £14 16s. 9d. notwithstanding the expenses of removal, and a larger supply of fuel than usual.

Having thus made known their liabilities and wants, the Directresses proceed to shew the state of their means.

Out of the several sums paid as above for land, building, and completing, together £1340 14s. 2d.—there has been received from subscriptions, &c., &c., the sum of £1056 7s. 4d.—leaving a balance of £284 6s. 10d. which was paid out of the reserve fund of the Corporation, placed at interest in the Savings' Bank, and destined to supply any deficiency in the householding expenditure which the annual subscriptions and donations might be inadequate to defray.

In consequence, this reserve fund has been nearly exhausted, as by reference to the Treasurer's Account it will be seen that there is now only a balance of £37 6s. 11d. left in her hands, towards the future support of the Orphans, and the Ladies are compelled to call upon their friends for that active support and assistance, which in former days of pecuniary distress was never wanting.

There remained in the Institution at the last Anniversary	32	Orphans.
Received during the year 1849	22	
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Benefitted during the year	54	
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Of this number were placed out	7	
Removed to the Ladies Benevolent Society	2	
Taken by relatives and friends	11	
Died (of consumption)	1	
Remaining at present in the Asylum	33	
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The Society in their last Report, made an appeal to the members of the Corporation, urging their exertions to obtain new subscribers, and they are now happy to be enabled to acknowledge that this appeal has not been in vain, the subscriptions and donations having, within the last year, increased one-fourth.

Of thanks the Directresses have many to offer to those numerous friends who, since the last Anniversary, have been so mindful to their wants, and in particular to those young ladies whose collections, made in various sections of the City, proved such a valuable aid to the funds.

Thanks are also sincerely offered to those contributors, whose donations of clothing materials, vegetables, fruits, &c., are of the most valuable kind, greatly tending to the comfort, health and support of the children. A continuance of these offerings is most respectfully solicited.

The Physician of the Institution, F. T. C. Arnoldi, Esq., M.D., is

requested to accept the best acknowledgments of the Ladies, for his continued care and attention, especially during the prevalence of the Cholera in this City.

The Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Cribb, continue to merit the approbation of the Ladies.

The administrations of the affairs of the Institution, have thus been submitted, and its means and wants set forth.

On the one hand there is a valuable property and building, which, when complete, will be sufficient to provide for the necessities of all the Protestant Orphans likely to need assistance for many years. On the other, an exchequer almost exhausted—what then? Shall the Ladies despair? The experience of the past forbids it. The promises and assurances of their many friends forbid it. The continued blessing of Divine Providence for more than a quarter of a century forbids it.

This Charity has always been, and with grateful pride they acknowledge it, a favored one; and in truth what claim has such a hold on the sympathies of our nature, as the helplessness of childhood, and that an *Orphan one*? Where is the heart that can withstand the forcible appeal of the homeless and deserted Orphan, whose temporal, nay more, whose eternal welfare, it is within our power to secure. Let us take up that blessed and inspired volume which has been given us as our guide here on earth, and there behold the light in which our Heavenly Father looks upon the cause of the Orphan, wherein he denounces, to him who shall afflict the fatherless child, that his wife shall be a widow, and his children fatherless; but graciously assumed to HIMSELF the office of Father to the Fatherless, and a Judge to the widows in His Holy habitation.

Let us then hope on, trusting in Him, that through His blessing, the liberality of our friends, and our own united endeavours, all pecuniary embarrassments may be banished from an edifice thus dedicated to the ennobling cause of Charity.

The whole respectfully submitted,

ANNE McCORD,

Secretary P.O.A.

Montreal, 8th January, 1850.

The Building Fund of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum, in account current with Jane Ross, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.	
To this sum paid to Mr. Alex. McDonald, being for the balance due him on his contract for Carpenter's work, as per last account current.....	£ 28 16 5	By balance on hand 30th Dec., 1848,.....	£ 5 19 6
To paid the Transcript office for advertising in Feb., 1848, for tenders to build.....	1 13 0	By this sum received from Odd Fellows' Society, being a proportion of proceeds of their Annual Festival in January, 1849.....	20 0 0
To paid for premium of Insurance on building in St. Catherine Street,—on £600, to 7th Oct. 1850.....	4 10 0	By this sum collected from sundry friends, as per Statement annexed.....	121 3 8
To paid extra premium—on £700 for 3 months to 11th January, 1850, for Carpenter's risk.....	2 2 0	By interest received from Savings' Bank on deposits in 1849.....	0 10 0
To paid E. Cribb on account of his contract (for £300, less £50 paid last year) to finish house in St. Catherine Street.....	165 6 0	By this sum received at various times from the General Funds of the Asylum.....	69 6 10
To paid E. Cribb for extra work in house in St. Catherine Street, say for sinking well, filling up yard, repairs to roof, fixing iron rings in floors for dumb stoves, &c., &c.....	14 12 7		
Currency.....	£217 0 0	Currency.....	£217 0 0
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Montreal, 31st December, 1849.

JANE ROSS,
Treasurer.

List of the Subscribers to the Building Fund of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum, during 1849.

Collections made by Miss Moffatt and Miss Frothingham	£ 23 0 0
Sir Benj. D'Urban	10 0 0
Mr. John Yule and family, Chambly	8 5 0
Collections made by Mrs. Ferrie and Miss Ure	7 17 4
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Mr. John Young	5 0 0
Mr. Joseph Knapp	5 0 0
Mr. Thomas Paton	5 0 0
Mrs. Gunn	5 0 0
Mr. Richard Gerrard, (2nd donation)	4 10 0
Mrs. Wicksteed	3 15 0
Collections made by Miss Ross and Miss Smith	3 14 3
Donations from sundry friends	3 5 0
Mr. William Hall, Custom House	3 0 0
Judge McCord (2nd donation)	2 10 2
Mr. D. Gorrie	2 10 0
Mr. Andrew Armour	2 10 0
A Friend—per Mrs. Wilkes,	2 10 0
Mrs. Platt	2 10 0
Mrs. Mills	2 10 0
Mrs. Filder	2 10 0
Mrs. Prentice	1 15 1
Mr. Wm. Ross, N. P.	1 5 0
Mr. John Speirs	1 5 0
Mr. Wm. Bleakley	1 5 0
Mrs. Jane Davidson Ross (2nd donation)	1 5 0
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Mrs. Adam Ferrie	0 10 0
Mr. Desbarats	0 10 0
Mr. Bethune, of Thoro, C.W.	0 10 0
Poor Box at Ottawa Hotel, May, 1849	0 7 3
Mrs. E. King	0 5 0

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Treasurer.

Montreal, 31st Dec., 1849.

DONATIONS SINCE RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Hon. P. McGill, (third donation,)	12	10	0
Mrs. General Rowan	5	0	0
Hon. Justice Gale	5	0	0
Mr. Benjamin Brewster,	2	10	0
Mrs. Wetherall	1	5	0

The General Fund of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum, in account current with Jane Ross, Treasurer.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr	£	s.	d.
To this sum paid for the expenses of the Asylum from 1st January to 31st December, 1849, both inclusive, say—				By Balance on hand 30th December, 1848.....	282	8	9
Paid Butcher.....	42	6	3	By Amount of Annual Subscriptions, Donations, and Collections received from various friends during the past year.....	100	9	9
“ Baker.....	44	16	6	By Interest on Deposit Account received from the Montreal Savings' Bank to 31st December, 1849.....	10	14	10
“ Provisions and Groceries	39	12	2				
“ Clothing and Household Goods	5	0	2				
“ 37 Cords of Wood... ..	29	17	8				
“ Shoemaker.....	11	19	6				
“ Sundries.....	6	18	3				
“ Hay, Bran, Pasturage and Milk.....	12	1	3				
“ Apothecary's account	3	11	3				
“ Printer's account....	1	2	8				
“ Tinsmith's account... ..	1	16	7				
“ Servant's wages.....	16	5	0				
“ E. Cribb's Salary.....	36	0	0				
“ Expenses moving in to New Building	1	18	0				
“ Funeral for Thomas Foster.....	0	11	6				
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To paid six month's Rent to 1st May, 1849, for house in St. Antoine Suburbs.....			30 0 0				
To this sum appropriated by order of the Committee, in various sums during the past year, to the Building Fund.....			69 6 10				
To this sum paid in February, 1849, to Neil McIntosh for Groceries supplied in 1848.....			3 2 10				
			356 6 5				
To Balance on hand 31st December, 1849.....			37 6 11				
Currency.....	£393	13	4	Currency.....	£393	13	4

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JANE ROSS,

Treasurer.

Montreal, 31st December, 1849.

The members then proceeded to the election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year, and the following were unanimously elected :—

First Directress—Mrs. Wilkes.

Second Directress—Mrs. Wetherall.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ross.

Secretary—Mrs. McCord.

Committee of Management.

Mrs. Adams,
Mrs. Anderson,
Miss Barrett,
Miss Lucy Barrett,
Mrs. Bond,
Miss Birss,
Mrs. Coffin,
Mrs. Filder,
Mrs. A. Fisher,
Miss Frothingham,
Mrs. J. Greenshields,
Mrs. H. Lyman,
Mrs. Low,
Mrs. Macfarlane,
Mrs. J. G. McKenzie,

Mrs. D. Mackay,
Mrs. R. Mackay,
Mrs. Mills,
Mrs. Moffatt,
Miss Moffatt,
Mrs. Montizambert,
Mrs. Paton,
Mrs. H. Ramsay,
Mrs. C. Ross,
Miss Ridge,
Miss Ross,
Mrs. Tylee,
Miss Ure,
Mrs. Wicksteed,
Mrs. T. Workman.

Miss Leslie was appointed Visitor, to enquire into the state and welfare of the apprenticed Orphans, within the city of Montreal.