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**"HOME" REPORT.**

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Home report and statistics.

## THE "HOME."

480 UPPER SEIGNEURS STREET,  
MONTREAL, MAY 3RD, 1871.

For the earlier history of this Institution, reference may be made to the Report published in May last, which may be obtained from Mr. F. E. Grafton, bookseller, St James street.

The present Report is of the work for the year ending Saturday—the third year of The "Home."

From the Inmates Register the following abstract is taken.  
Total number of Inmates from May, 1870, to May, 1871, is 83.

Of these,

- 39 went to service.
- 10 restored to parents.
- 1 to House of Refuge.
- 2 expelled.
- 6 to Infants' Home.
- 10 left of their own accord.
- 15 now in the Home.

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### *Occupations.*

Of these,

- 51 were Domestic Servants.
- 12 Married Women and Widows.
- 2 Factory girls.
- 1 Teacher.
- 17 No occupation.

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Number from the opening of the Home till now, 231.  
Several Ladies have taken kindly interest in The Home, and

have given it some oversight, but the internal management is still mainly left to Mrs. Gowan, who, as Matron, assisted by her daughter, well discharges this duty.

The conduct of the Inmates has for the most part been good, and needful discipline has been observed, while it is believed they realise and value the institution as their home. The health of the Inmates has also been good, Dr. Trenholme having been called in but seldom; and Dr. Reddy, Consulting Physician, not having been required even once during the year. Inmates are of course sent to the Montreal General Hospital, or to the University Lying-in Hospital, as need may be. Medicines are kindly furnished by Messrs. Kenneth Campbell & Co.

Owing to the scarcity of female servants many of the Inmates have been taken out to situations before the Matron was able to give them good recommendations; which is to be regretted, both on account of the Home and of the girls themselves.

From the Matron's private journal the following extracts are taken:

No. 150.—Sent from Quebec, by a clergyman, a very quiet, good tempered young woman, who often says she wishes she had known of our Home sooner, having had a desire to give up drink and her bad life, but "did not know how."—She is a very industrious, steady creature, and I have great hope of her continuing in the path of virtue. Since writing the above, she has been in service nine months, and is giving satisfaction. She regularly attends our Sunday afternoon meetings in the Home, and has made a small donation in gratitude. What a change from the thiny elad, trembling drunkard, to the well-dressed, respectable, healthy-looking servant!!

No. 152.—An American girl, who was brought here by our philanthropic cabman, as she had no place to go to. She was a servant from Maine, and was seduced by her fellow servant. She left her child in the "Infants' Home," and returned to her old place, as her seducer had left, and her mistress was willing to take her back.

No. 153.—A drunken woman, sent from Quebec by the Rev. Mr. Sykes—Is an emigrant from Jersey (Channel Islands)—She had a child with her which died in the "Infants' Home." She is an excellent servant, and a great deal has been done for her, but the poor creature is afflicted with chronic intemperance.

No. 155.—A very intelligent, modest-looking girl from Ottawa, who was seduced and deserted; had a child which lived three weeks. She

went home to her mother; was a grateful quiet girl, and expressed her thanks to me in a letter after she returned home.

No. 164.—A very gentle, simple young girl from the country who was brought into trouble by her cousin. When her married brother learned that she had been seduced, she was put out of doors, and ordered to go and drown herself. She wandered from Upper Canada to Montreal. The Lord who watches the wanderings of every stray lamb, directed her to our Home, where she remained until she found a situation. After being in service for a few months, she wished to go to see her mother, and take a little present with her, but when she arrived at home, she was again ordered away by her brother. She returned here, "to her happy home," as she calls it, and shortly after went again to a situation. Her mistress called here to tell me that she is much pleased with her.

No. 165.—A very quiet, well-educated girl, whose father, a farmer, sent her from home to finish her education at an academy, where she was seduced by the teacher. Her parents, on hearing of our Home, sent her here to conceal her shame from the rest of her family. She is now restored to them.

No. 166.—A young English girl, whose parents are highly respectable, in Warwickshire, England. She left her home eight years ago. Her people advertised in Canadian newspapers for tidings of her, but though she often saw the advertisements, she never wrote to tell them where she was living in sin. A Christian gentleman sent her to our Home, where, after she "saw herself" and wept tears of true penitence at the feet of Jesus, she asked me to write to England, to know if her father and mother were yet alive. They were, and the news of the daughter they thought long dead, gave them very great joy. They offered money to send her home, but a Christian lady having taken Annie to live with her, says she is unwilling to part with her, she is so faithful and useful in the family. The perfect reformation and conversion of this dear girl gives more encouragement and comfort than I can express.

No. 168.—An old, hardened woman who really should not be in the Home, but she cries so pitifully at the door, and after being allowed to go to the laundry, she, in a week or so, wearies for drink and leaves. I must steel my heart when she comes again, as her frequent admittance has a bad effect on the others.

No. 160.—A young woman who led a very dissolute life. She was beaten, and had her poor face dreadfully cut by rowdies on the Papineau Road, but was afraid to have them arrested. Came and asked protection in the Home, behaved well and has been tried in a situation. Her mistress is quite pleased with her, and has made her many useful presents. She is really a respectable-looking girl.

No. 173.—A young drunken married woman, whose husband procured a legal separation from her on account of her profligacy. She had been

fighting near the St. Antoine toll-gate and rushed like a crazy woman, bleeding and scarcely clothed, into our Home. The police were following her, but turned back when they saw her enter our "City of Refuge." She was quite delirious for a day or two, and would follow me through the house, holding my hand or dress. She said "she was all right while she held on to me." I sent for her mother, who came with clothing and took her home to Upper Canada. She was a very clever needle-woman, and was once a milliner in one of the large shops in this city. She had been a very handsome girl, before her sad fault.

No. 174.—A poor drunken creature who came for safety to sleep in our porch.—At midnight there were cries of "Murder." I opened the door, and saw three rowdies dragging her out. By God's help I soon had her in and them out! I often take poor half killed creatures in, who have been beaten in this retired street at night. But poor Betty left next morning.

No. 176.—A hardened jail woman three times in the Home. Hopeless case.

No. 186.—A poor miserably clad woman who, after the death of her husband, had been led to drink by a bad woman, her fellow lodger. She and her son, a smart boy of 13 years of age, had slept in the police station the night before she came here. I could not take the boy, but wrote Mr. B. at the "Refuge," saying, if he could keep the boy until the "Boy's Home" was opened, I would take care of his destitute mother. He was admitted, and since then, I got a situation for him. The mother became quite a sober, cleanly woman. She had been well brought up, apparently by Christian parents. She is so thankful she was taken into the Home, and I praise God that she seems to see the error of her past intemperate life.

No. 190.—A lace-maker, very dissipated, bad woman, always contriving how to get liquor into the house; when she could not manage it she left.

No. 193.—A young girl, who, *with her mother*, were inmates of the Home, the daughter fallen, the mother a drunkard. The girl has quite reformed, and is now in a situation, giving great satisfaction, and will be married soon to a very decent tradesman. He came to the Home, and said he was aware of the girl's former bad life, but, if she continued in well doing, he would honorably fulfil his promise; and I have no doubt he will.

No. 197.—A very quiet, well-behaved girl, daughter of a respectable Christian farmer, had been seduced and left home to hide her shame; was restored to her parents, and writes, she will never forget the good instructions she received in the Home, and desires to be remembered at our Sabbath meetings, that she may be sustained in the right path.

No. 198.—A young woman from prison, has an outrageous temper,—she had been frequently spoken to about her unhappy tongue. One day, in a fit of passion, she knocked down one of the laundry girls—I summoned all the inmates to the reading room and after hearing all about it

I said it had never been done before in the house and must be checked at once, and after a severe reprimand, I told her she must leave the Home, and sent her to prepare to go out. This is the *first* instance we have had of an inmate lifting her hand in anger to another. As the strictest discipline must be observed in the management of this class of women, this course had to be taken; but, on the earnest entreaty of *all* the girls, this one was allowed to remain, as she seemed truly sorry for what she had done. She has since been very watchful over her temper, is very industrious, and *promises* to be a competent servant.

No. 205.—The "mistress of a gay house" in St. Elizabeth street lived a bad life many years; a soldier's wife, but left her husband. She is a light-headed, reckless creature, one time listening, and tearfully, to all I say, next minute, laughing and skipping about.

No. 206.—From one of the fashionable bad houses in this city; she has a respectable Christian mother, who was almost broken-hearted by her conduct. I found her in the Lock ward of the General Hospital, discharged cured, and dressing to return to the brothel. I spoke to her a good deal, but she did not seem to care for what I said. At last I asked her to come and spend an evening at the Home. She came, and staid two days, then left for "Star Villa." She came back after a few weeks, saying she would like to live in the Home, remained here two months, and then went home with her mother.

No. 207.—The mistress of one of the "fashionable bad houses" of this city. The first day I visited this house, I had passed the street, not intending to go there that day, as I had had a good deal of disgusting talk from a "son of Belial" in a bagnio where some of the women were willing to listen to me, (this young man is since dead.) I had gone a good distance on my way home, my conscience accusing me at every step, when the dear General Russell's last words to me came to my mind (Bless those words! they have come to my help often when cast down.) "Take courage; this is the Lord's battle." I immediately turned, and was admitted at once. The girls were very civil to me, and listened very attentively to what I said, and invited me to come again. It seemed to be quite a novelty to them to have any one come with a mission like mine. Next time I went there, I found them all sitting round an old woman, who was "telling their fortunes." I offered to tell them gratis, to the evident annoyance of my rival. I have much pleasure in saying that this house has lately been closed, and the mistress is an inmate of the Home. I regret very much that my time is so much occupied in the Home, that I can spare but a very little portion of it, in visiting "the houses," where I am generally kindly received; the women often read their letters to me, in which they are advised to go to the Home by their parents and "*fancy*" friends.

No. 199.—Aged 13—A young motherless girl, deserted by her father;

taken to the United States by a Christian family, who have bound themselves to care for her until she becomes of age.

In reviewing my journal, I feel very grateful to God who has blessed our Home beyond my expectations. There are some names, I notice in my Register, of women admitted, of whom I had no hope of reclaiming; but I felt bound to give the message of mercy to all who *asked* to be tried. Very few, indeed, have returned to their old life of sin, and some of those few have found places for themselves, and gladdened my heart by returning to let me know where they were, saying they were determined "*not to disgrace me.*" One young woman who left the Home, much against my will, "to better herself" returned to remain, saying, she had gone without my blessing, and she would stay till she got it. I have great hope of those who are afraid to venture out on the rough ocean of life, after being in our haven of rest for a time! It is doubtful whether any treatment but that of gentleness, pursued by all connected with the Home, would restore these frail waifs. Gentleness is might in holy things. Is there any lover of the gentle Jesus who would not help to raise and bind up the bruised reed, and pray God to pour the oil of grace on the smoking flax. - Oh, it is a glorious work to raise the fallen, to seek the lost, and lead the weary outcast to the feet of Jesus! If some of our citizens only knew how our Home has saved their sons, *and their safes*, they would help us, for their own sakes, if not for the Lord's! I have met in the streets, and other places of the city, merchants, whose sons and clerks, *to my knowledge*, have been robbing their employers, to deck out the sirens who infest our streets; and some of these young men I have cautioned in my own apartments of the Home, and their mothers have expressed their gratitude at having the objects of their son's infatuation kept out of their path and from bringing life-long misery on their respectable families. I could give those sceptics who laugh to scorn the idea of ever reclaiming "that sort of women," many instances of outcasts whom we have made by God's blessing and assistance, a blessing to themselves and others, instead of a curse. It has often been remarked to me that this Institution has been a real benefit to the community, as the women who have gone to places, have been more steady and persevering than the general run of servants from the Intelligence offices. One of our former inmates (No. 12) is now happily married, after being over 18 months in her situation. She was one who had made several attempts to come to the Home, but, poor girl, could never get out of Mary Street; always fell in with bad company, got drunk and was "sent down." At last she made a "covenant with her eyes" covering them with her hand, and looking only at the foot-path, got to the door of the Home, and was admitted—lost virtue being her only introduction. She was very industrious and well-behaved. Exactly one year from that day I took her to the Railway Station, and saw her safely away to her situation, where she

remained until she was married in her master's house. I remember with pleasure, the proud, happy look she had, when, passing the police on her way to the depot, "Thank God," she said, "they cannot take me now!" Another, one of three fallen sisters, we sent to service after a year's probation in the Home. She had very hard work in her place, but never complained of it, but said she must make out a year in it. A number of our rescued one's place their wages in the Savings Bank, and feel quite proud at being bank depositors. I have many affectionate letters from girls who are at a distance, who occasionally send small donations to the "Home on the Hill," which, they say, is dear to their memory, and ask particularly how certain small trees and flowers they planted are growing. We have had some trying cases who have wearied our patience, but when I see the happy contented perseverance of the majority, "in this will I be confident," that our labor is not in vain, and to Him who giveth the increase, be all the glory!

The following are extracts from letters of former Inmates to the Matron, or to their friends:

From No. 66:

"I like the States very much, and am contented and happy. I have the dear Bible yet, and am very fond of it. I always think of you and your kindness when I see it. Give my love to all the girls in the house. Did you get the money I sent you some weeks ago?"

No. 124, written to No. 207:

"You do not know how glad I was to hear you were in the Home. I was so glad that I had a good hearty cry to myself, with fair joy. Oh I hope you have learned a lesson from the past. I have often prayed for you and I hope you will come to the blessed Saviour, and be happy in His love. I am glad to know L— is there too."

No. 165:

"Father and mother send many thanks to you, and hope you will be rewarded in the better land, which *I know you surely will.*"

No. 155:

"Since I came home I found a good place as cook, but I often feel lonely for my baby. Is he well? Is he cross at nights? Kiss him for me. I would give anything to see you now. Sing that little hymn for me, 'Come Jesus again.'"

No. 124:

"Whenever I hear the word "home" my thoughts fly to the only happy home I ever had, the "Home" in Montreal, its memory is very dear to me. I am now living in the family of Deacon E. in this town, and I am full of gratitude to God for having placed me in a Christian home. I am making fancy mats for our Church fair; the ladies think them very handsome."

No. 24 writes on returning to her place after a visit to Montreal :

"I arrived quite safely, and every one was glad to see me, and I felt as glad to see them. I am sure I never can be thankful enough for all God's goodness to me. Is E. W. still with you. Tell her that as soon as you think fit to send her I will surely find a place for her. I feel certain she would do well here ; it is so quiet and peaceful, that she would soon forget all her old ways."

No. 24 writes to another inmate, as follows :

"Dear H., I want you to send me word how M. is and what she has been doing since I left. I am very lonesome for you all, my eyes were sore for two or three days, from crying, I have not cried so much since my mother died, as I did at leaving the Home. Send me all the particulars how the garden is, and the laundry, and Punch, the dog."

To 166, from her sister :

"Your letter was handed to me by mother and it gave me great joy to hear you are alive, and in good health. You can imagine the great anxiety we have all been in to know if you were living. We hope soon to see you in England, and we shall always be grateful to those who have taken such a great interest in a poor girl so far from her home and friends. We hope you will never forget it. We all pray that you may have a safe passage home."

To 166, from her mother :

"It will soon be eight long years since you went from home. I feel very much obliged to dear Mrs Gowan for her kindness to you ; you must thank her. The Lord bless her and all where you are. Dear Annie the hymn says :

A voice from heaven speaks  
A pardon full and free,  
Come, and thou shalt be forgiven,  
"Boundless mercy flows for thee,"

*Even thee.*

It is hoped that these extracts will not be passed over by friends of the Home without being read.

The undersigned has desired to be relieved from the individual charge and responsibility of this work—and to give it over to a Society. Accordingly, "on the 22nd April, Messrs. T. M. Taylor, J. Dougall, C. Alexander, H. A. Nelson, E. K. Greene, T. J. Claxton, John Lovell, A. M. Foster, John McLennan, Hugh McLennan, John Reddy, M.D., Benjamin Lyman, and Norman W. Trenholme, advocate, declared before J. S. Hunter, Notary Public, that, pur-

suant to the seventy-first Chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled an Act Respecting Charitable Philanthropic and Provident Associations amended by the forty-third Chapter (22nd Victoria) of the Statutes of Canada, they unite themselves into a Society, to be called the Montreal Female Home Society, its object being the rescue and reformation of fallen women by means of a Home or Homes, to be maintained for them, the first of which shall be designated the Seigneurs Street Home; and such other persons who may have contributed fifty dollars or upwards to the Institution heretofore known as the Female Home, or may hereafter contribute fifty dollars or upwards to the Montreal Female Home Society shall be members."

That the affairs of the said Society shall be managed by such officers as the members may appoint at its meeting to be held in May of each year.

That the seal of the Society shall be a circular die with the words "The Female Home Society of Montreal" engraved thereon.

Suggestion or action, with a view to the creation of this Society has been kindly afforded by the Honorable Mr. Torrance, Mr. Carter, M.P.P., Mr. N. W. Trenholme and Mr. J. S. Hunter.

The Seal of the Society has been given by Mr. Burland.

To Mr. Lovell, as before, we are indebted for printing.

The funds of the Home will be reported of by the accounts herewith rendered. Attention is called to the statement of Receipts and Expenditure. The building is paid for. There are \$3,000 invested in City Bonds, and \$500 in Savings Bank. There is not any debt. The undersigned hands over the whole property and work to the newly-formed Society, in the hope that this useful and important Institution may be abundantly sustained and prospered.

Immediately after the reception of this report by the subscribers to the Home, a meeting of the Female Home Society will be held for the election of officers to carry on the Institution.

The whole respectfully submitted.

THOS. M. TAYLOR.

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MAY 1, 1870, TO APRIL 29, 1871.

C. Alexander.....	\$ 5 00	Major Malan, 75th Regt.,	
Thank Offering.....	5 00	Singapore.....	50 00
Judge Torrance.....	20 00	F. H. H. ....	10 00
William Moodie.....	20 00	Hon. R. Jones.....	20 00
J. J. Redpath.....	20 00	J. G. Mackenzie.....	20 00
M. H. Gault.....	20 00	J. J. Redpath.....	20 00
Mrs. Redpath.....	25 00	Alexander Clerk.....	20 00
Robert Anderson.....	10 00	Miss Smith.....	2 00
Friend, per H. V. ....	1 00	Robertson Stephen & Co..	10 00
F. S. L.....	5 00	Mrs. Utting.....	5 00
Dr. Reddy.....	10 00	Mrs. Mackenzie.....	5 00
Mrs. Dougall.....	20 00	Mr. Rogers.....	15 00
Mr. Lunn.....	10 00	J. A. Matthewson.....	10 00
John McLennan.....	20 00	P. Redpath.....	100 00
Rev. Dr. Wilkes.....	4 00	F. W. Kay.....	20 00
C. Alexander.....	50 00		
Laird Paton.....	20 00		
			<hr/> \$572 00

## DONATIONS.

Provisions, &c., for a tea to inmates, from Mrs. George Winks.  
 Cakes and Beef, from Mr. Alexander.  
 Expenses of a Tea, paid by Mrs. T. M. Thomson.  
 Buns from Mr. Alexander Rough, (twice).  
 Plum Pudding from Mrs. H. Baylis.  
 Two Turkeys and Books at Christmas, from Mrs. Claxton.  
 Daily Witness and Dominion Monthly from Mr. Dougall.  
 Messrs. Evans Brothers, Kemp & Brown, and Mr. Date, have made reductions in their accounts as donations.

## SATURDAY.

Perhaps Mr. Alexander might like acknowledgment of \$10 I received from him as a fund to redeem clothes, &c., pledged by women, who often wish to leave the Home to get them. I get what they want, which stops the interest on them, and when they work for wages they redeem them from me. This plan has been a comfort to me, as it takes away one of the pretexts to get out. A great many have been benefitted by it, and they all have paid honorably.

Our acknowledgments of *presents* are very few. We have had nothing else sent; no *shoes*, clothing, or anything; all had to be purchased. We have still a stock of articles for sale. If they had been sold, my income account would have been larger, though I am glad to see it is larger than last.

It is pleasing to note that Inmates Nos. 66, 124, 61, 20, 150, 55, 123, 169, have contributed \$16.25, being about \$2 each.

J. S. G.

FEMALE HOME.  
MATRON'S REGISTERS, April 29th, 1871.

INCOME.

Received Contributions .....	\$ 21 25
"    for Board (from inmates) .....	103 00
"    "    Work.....	355 61
"    "    Sales of Work .....	113 21
	\$593 07
Expended as below.....	592 79
	\$ 0 28

EXPENDITURE.

Paid for Cartage .....	\$ 6 35
"    "    Groceries .....	26 42
"    "    Provisions.....	61 73
"    "    Beef, &c. ....	101 70
"    "    Milk .....	28 38
"    "    Clothing .....	16 70
"    "    Repairing Property .....	31 30
"    "    Fuel and Light.....	20 75
"    "    Materials.....	1 66
"    "    Furniture.....	15 05
"    "    Cash to Mr. Taylor, including \$5 from Mrs. McKenzie, acknowledged in list of contributions.....	282 75
	\$592 79

REPORT OF MEETING.

Owing to failure of a meeting in answer to the notice calling the subscribers to the Home, and the members of the Female Home Society to meet in the Mechanics' Hall, on Monday, the first day of May, another was called for Wednesday the third of May, when there were present Messrs. T. M. Taylor, Charles Alexander, and T. J. Claxton, who resolved to proceed with the business of the meeting, and to ask the consent in writing of the other members of the Society who signed the articles of Association to their action of this day.

Reports were submitted of the work of the Home for its third year, which were accepted. After which the meeting organized as

the Female Home Society, when the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. T. M. Taylor, President; Mr. Charles Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer; and Messrs. T. J. Claxton, George Moffatt, John Dougall, John McLennan, and A. M. Foster, Committee

THE HOME IN ACCOUNT WITH T. M. TAYLOR.

*Dr.*

1870.			
April 30.	To Balance due T. M. Taylor .....	\$	124 96
	" Evans Brothers, Fuel account of last year.....		300 00
	" Miss Gowan, postages, paper, &c.....		4 00
	" Coke and Coal .....		103 01
	" Sewing Machine .....		50 00
	" Carpenter's account.....		20 00
	" Water Tax .....		27 80
	" Mrs. Gowan.....		175 00
	" Miss Gowan .....		100 00
	" Insurance.....		23 33
	" Fuel .....		78 15
	" Provision account .....		223 44
	" Dry Goods account .....		205 50
	" Grocer's account .....	56 93	
	" " " .....	130 00	
			<u>186 93</u>
	" Brooms, &c. ....		3 50
	" Plumber's account.....		20 00
			<u>\$1645 62</u>
	Deposited in Savings Bank.....	500 00	
	Handed to Treasurer (C. Alexander).....	40 95	
			<u>540 95</u>
			<u>\$2186 57</u>

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1870.			
April 30.	By Contributions in money, according to list ....	\$	572 00
	" Contributed by a brother for support of his sister .....		96 00
	" Received from Matron.....		277 75
	" Interest on Bonds in November .....		120 00
	" " " April 30, 1871.....		90 00
	" Proceeds sale of Bond.....		1030 82
			<u>\$2186 57</u>

Montreal, April 29, 1871,