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"HOME" REPORT.

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THE "HOME,"

480 UPPER SEIGNEURS STREET,

MONTREAL, 18th MAY, 1870.

After the closing of the old Asylum which had been sustained mainly by the exertions of two well-known and prominent citizens, now removed from this community—Messrs. David Davidson and Thomas Paton—there were two years during which there was really no open door in Montreal for fallen women—for the rescue of these "sheep which were lost"—a class sadly more numerous here than most people suppose. In the course of that time the undersigned proposed and endeavoured to raise twenty thousand dollars, for the erection of a building to be called "The Protestant Female Home," but there was not adequate response to this effort, and it failed. His attention was then turned to a smaller project—more within the scope of an ordinary middle-class dwelling, and of the Home rather than of the Institution character. It is matter of thankfulness that this direction was taken; for it has resulted in the present Home, and the work now to be reported.

It was on the second of May, 1868, that this Home was opened, and the present Report is for the two years ending the thirtieth of April, 1870. The building had only a few weeks before been bought, and a good deal of the first summer passed before it was put into thorough repair and order for the work to be carried on. It was a cheap and favorable purchase. The house is well built, and well arranged, and so commodious that separate beds are kept up for five and twenty inmates, while there are also washing, working, eating, and reading rooms, apartments also for the matron, and

a large public room for meetings. It has been found a pleasant, suitable and healthful building. The large garden contributes much to the comfort of the inmates. It is truly a "Home." The property, cost of repairs and alterations, and the furniture, have all been paid for, as will be shewn by the accounts to be hereafter presented, which contributors are requested to examine.

It seemed to rest on the undersigned to take responsible action and management, but the property is held in trust by him and Mr. T. J. Claxton for the uses of the Home, and so declared, as by law required. This has been a temporary provision; but as an Act passed by the Legislature of Quebec enables persons to associate for the carrying on of the Home, and for the holding of real estate, it may be well to avail of this Act, by the creation of a body of Trustees for the future holding of this property. Mr. Torrance (now Judge Torrance) was good enough to examine the title deeds, &c., and advise as to legal matters. Mr. N. W. Trenholme has since taken this latter function.

Dr. Reddy kindly consented to be consulting physician, and Dr. Trenholme visiting physician. Messrs. K. Campbell and Co. have been good enough to agree to supply medicines. Mesdames Dawson, Reddy, Wilkes, Thomson, Claxton, and Forsyth were asked to be a Ladies Committee, and have acted more or less as such; and Mrs. Baylis, (of New York) has taken much interest in the work; but to Mrs. Gowan, as Matron, has been left very much the internal administration of the house. Mrs. Gowan is every way worthy of the confidence bestowed upon her; she is believed to be the right woman in the right place, and does her work therein as work to the Lord. Her excellent daughter, whose influence in the home is most valuable, is assistant matron.

It would be unjust to withhold mention of two friends who did much in the way of suggestion and stimulus at the outset of this undertaking—Major General Russell, C.B., and Capt.

(now Major) Malan, A.D.C. It is very much owing to them that the homes of the Rescue Society of London have been in view as models, though in no respect has this Home been a duplicate of any other, but, without any set rules and orders, has worked out an experience of its own, and has sought to do its work in the power of love and in dependance upon the Lord's blessing.

From the Inmates Register the following abstract is taken.
Total number 148—of these

- 69 were provided with situations.
- 45 left of their own accord.
- 4 returned to their parents.
- 13 are in the Home.
- 1 is in the House of Refuge.
- 2 were expelled.
- 14 were infants of some of the above.

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They have been classified as follows :—

Domestic Servants	85
Farmers' Daughters, at home.....	7
Sewing Girls 3, Shopwomen 2	5
Tailoresses 2, Dressmakers 2.....	4
Married Women and Widows.....	8
School Teachers	2
Factory Girls 3, no occupation 20.....	23

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Of the 69 provided with situations 11 are reported to have returned to their former ways, and of the 45 left of their own accord 15 have found places, and are to all appearance doing well, while 30 found their way back to jail. Of the total number 56 were received from the jail, or had been there ; and most of the 30 who went back there were hardened old

women who only remained two or three days in the Home, who scarcely ought to have been admitted, and some of whom came to see and report of it without any intention of staying. These never came really under the influence of the Home; but it is open to them, as it is to others, and it may be that the word of truth, the gospel of God's grace, simply spoken, may be seed sown in the heart of one who tarries but for a night, which shall spring up after many days. There is remembered the wonderful ways of Him, who to the woman taken in adultery, whom her fellow-men would judge and execute according to law, so dealt with her in grace as to say—"Go and sin no more."

The Matron's Income Register stands thus:—

Contributions paid in at the Home.....	\$20 15
Received from Inmates.....	152 00
Proceeds of work.....	688 81
Received of Mr. T. (at the beginning)....	100 00
Sales of work.....	18 15
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	\$979 11

And the Expenditure Register shows:—

As laid out.....	\$754 02
Paid over to Mr. T. (surplus).	199 00
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Balance in hand	\$26 09

These Registers, as kept by Mrs. Gowan, are upon the table open for inspection at this meeting, but not the more private journal of the Matron, from which, however, without mention of names, but by numbers, certain cases will presently be reported.

Acknowledgment of money contributed will be found further on in this Report, and also, as fully as possible, the contributions in other forms.

The accounts sum up thus:—

Total Receipts	\$12086 68	
Balance due T. M. T.....	124 96	
		———— 12211 64
Total Expenditure.....	8235 55	
In Matron's hands.	26 09	
Invested (by which was purchased \$4,000 City Bonds) ...	\$3,950 00	
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There is a debt of \$314.58 (reduced to \$300) to Messrs. Evans Brothers for fuel. (Since paid by note of the undersigned on faith of collections.)

It is much to be desired that this little endowment should be untouched, and should be increased. In order to do this, contributions, to a considerable amount, will be needed. It may be hoped that friends of this important work, second to no other—who have not yet aided, but have postponed from time to time, will now help it, so that another year, and further years, of success may have to be recorded.

There are various ways, besides the giving of money, by which the Home may be aided—by the giving of provisions, vegetables, &c., boots and shoes, work material, work for the inmates, and by a kindly and generous sympathy and co-operation of other Institutions—all of which is asked on its behalf.

The Matron writes of one fellow-worker :

“The good cabman, John Broom, has brought another girl to me, a deserted heart-broken creature; he picked her up standing at the station and drove her to another Institution. She says the woman asked her if she had any money, when she said no, the door was shut at once. The man said he would take her where the doors had never been shut on him. He has brought a number of girls here who might by others have been taken to some of the dens in the City.”

Some of the cases may now be more particularly reported, as they are noted in the Matron's journal.

No. 1.—Aged 35, born in Dublin, dressmaker, fond of novel reading, seduced in Dublin, lived in this country with different persons, intelligent, well educated, handsome girl, now broken down. The Home has been a blessing to her, near her end, believed to have found peace with God.

No. 2.—Daughter of an American hotel-keeper, seduced and taken from home by an English traveller, brought to Montreal, lived with a person for six years, who would have married her but for her drinking. She was a lazy, ignorant, handsome woman. Now broken down and in jail.

No. 3.—Seduced at a dance in Manchester, England, came to Montreal, got into service, did well till drink overcame her, fell again, is now in the country, keeping steady.

No. 6.—Born in Dublin, seduced by her father's foreman; came to this country, returned home with a lady, reclaimed and now with her parents.

No. 12.—A young good looking widow who fell to drinking and bad company, came to the Home from prison, remained eight months, reformed, and has been a year in a situation. Her mistress is much pleased with her.

No. 14.—Seduced by her master's son, fell to drink, the jail, the bush, but now reformed and believed to be a monument of God's saving grace.

Nos. 16 and 17.—Two "Captains"; young women; inmates of the jail, could n't stay in the Home, and would live and die together outside.

No. 18.—Poor delapidated rheumatic creature, came from prison, recovered health, and now, (says Mrs. Gowan,) I have great comfort in this girl, she is so completely changed, and is daily growing in grace.

No. 19.—Was found sitting crying on the street, had wandered here, from the States; taught to read, sew and knit stockings, got her into service and her mistress writes she is doing well.

No. 22.—A "daughter of the regiment," became a drunkard, restored, has done well in the Home, once hopeless, now clothed and in her right mind.

No. 25.—Wife of a respectable man, lost to him and her family through drink, went very low, went to a lady in the States, is doing well there. I took her to see her husband and family before she left, and have no doubt that if she does well she will be restored to them again.

No. 26.—Seduced under promise of marriage; after birth of her child was restored to her parents; a very pretty handsome girl.

No. 27.—A young girl from Ottawa; fell with bad company, went to prison, brought to the Home, remained a considerable time, went to a situation in the country, wandered back to Montreal, joined her old companion in sin. One morning on opening the door found the Bible and Hymn-book she had been given at the Home; it was marked at the Hymn "The Wandering Sheep." She and another girl had slept in the porch for safety from the police. Next night left the latch open and

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watched. At midnight they came. She is in the Home, now penitent and well behaved, and will soon be tried again in a place.

No. 28.—From prison; after four months stay in the Home went to a situation, got drunk, left it in a month and is back to jail.

No. 31.—A girl from prison, a clever servant but a hardened creature; remained a few weeks, went out to get a place for herself, did get one but was soon back in jail.

No. 32.—Came to please a lady, but was not tired of a "gay life." Stayed one night, went out, got drunk and was sent to prison.

No. 42.—An attempted suicide; stayed in the Home sometime and left because not allowed to go out; went out for no good purpose. An unsatisfactory case.

No. 43.—Seduced in Ireland, came to this country, had a child, got into the service of a family who had known her there, and she is now doing well.

No. 45.—An incorrigible, twice in the Home, a sad sad case. No. 46 like the preceding. No. 54 much the same, twice in the Home to no purpose.

No. 55.—A French Canadian Girl, one of three sisters, all fallen. Came to the door one cold winter night, the house was full, 27 in, but a bed was made for her on the floor. She has turned out well, useful, industrious and trusty. Her mission with another is to escort girls to the lying-in Hospital. She clings to the Home.

No. 57.—A farm servant from Upper Canada, seduced by her master; is now in a place in the country doing well.

No. 59.—Committed to the care of the Home by the Recorder. She is a smart tidy English woman. Gone to service to a lady in the States, who, after three months trial of Mary, writes: "Grateful to the Home for sending her such an excellent good servant."

No. 60.—A young married drunken woman. She went from the Home and was soon in the jail again. Her poor sad looking husband died a few weeks after. I wish, says the matron, it was legal to take these drunken women by force to fence them in and make them support themselves by their labour, and take their poor ill-used and ill-brought up children from them. To get hold of the children of criminal parents would be the proper end of the clue for the repression of crime.

No. 62.—A young English woman, well educated and intelligent, was in the Home six months, is now in the Infants' Home with her child.

No. 64.—Came from the Hospital. She was a hopeless bad girl. Attractive in appearance. She went back to sin.

No. 66.—A poor drunken gaily dressed girl, saw her on the street, induced her to come to the Home. Sent her to the States where she is doing well. I can never pass a lost sheep on the street without giving her the good Shepherd's invitation. A fallen girl once told me that an officer of

the Light Infantry knelt down, at midnight, on Craig street, and prayed for her, and for her poor mother. He gave her two dollars to get a pair of boots. She never forgot his prayer—she came to the Home, behaved well, is now reformed, and is in a situation in the country.

This suggests the fact that one girl was brought to the Home at midnight by a gentleman whom she had sinfully accosted on the street.

No. 69.—A poor drunken young woman asked shelter—would not remain—went out—got drunk, returned, but was so outrageous that she could not be kept.

No. 71.—A hardened, idle woman; remained a week or two—said she liked the prison better, and went off.

No. 73 and 74.—Came together from Ogdensburg seeking a "Gay House." G. T. R. Conductor sent them here, would not remain. They were fallen, they said, but were fond of a gay life, and left for one of the well-known gay houses of the town.

No. 83.—A very superior looking girl, a school teacher from a Western town, seduced under promise of marriage; after birth of her child returned. Many grateful letters from her.

No. 87.—A wild, half Indian girl; quarrelled with all in the house and ran off.

No. 88.—A young woman who married the man who seduced No. 75. We gave a home to the seduced girl, and the bride also asked shelter from her husband who had cruelly used her.

No. 95.—Cast out by step-mother and married sister, a poor forlorn creature, now changed in appearance and happy.

No. 96.—After leaving a Theatre with a young man in Manchester, England, was enticed to an inn and drugged. To conceal her condition came out with Miss Rye, is doing well; has written to her mother that she is here.

No. 98.—Only a week in; left to go to jail as she heard her "Friend" had been committed.

No. 100.—An old hardened woman who had to be sent away for urging the younger ones to leave. These old ones are very hard to manage.

No. 105.—Taken in the Home three times.

No. 106.—I cannot class this poor gentle one amongst the "fallen," and would like to throw a veil over her sad history with a mother's loving hand.

No. 109.—Very young, is now in service, doing well.

No. 110.—Wandered from Gaspé Bay to conceal her shame, quiet, well behaved, doing well.

No. 111.—An old worthless woman, whose two daughters were in the Home, very troublesome, corrupting others, had to be sent away.

No. 123.—Sent by her father from Londonderry to Montreal, when he found she had fallen; went lower down here, but is now doing well. I have great hopes of her.

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No. 124.—A Scotch girl, a very clever girl and a hopeful case.

No. 125.—One of the most perplexing cases. Some aspects of it most encouraging, others distressing. The light of the future must be a little upon it before it can be properly classified.

No. 130.—A young girl sent here by the Recorder—very abandoned for one so young—unscrewed the lock of the gate and went off.

No. 132.—Seduced on promise of marriage—a really respectable girl. Her mistress, in Quebec, commiserates her very much, and is willing to take her back with her child.

No. 136.—Similar to the preceding.

No. 143.—An honest good tempered woman, wife of a man at Prescott, who deserted her, as he had a former wife—a good sewer and an industrious woman. Went to wet nursing.

No. 144.—Three times in the Home—a very trying case—ought to be in a *life refuge* for drunkards.

No. 148.—The last on the register. So far an encouraging case.

Some of the letters of the girls and letters of their mistresses are interesting. Their attachment to the Home is often manifested. For instance, in 1869, the twenty-four girls of the Home gave a written address to their dear mother, as they call Mrs. Gowan, on her birthday, which seemed to express true feeling; and again on the same day, in 1870, an address, very well expressed and written by No. 124 and signed by fifteen others, conveys congratulations to Mrs. Gowan and seemingly very true gratitude for the blessings of the Home. On these and other occasions the Matron assembles them in the public room in a social way, when they have tea, reading and sometimes music.

No. 6.—Wrote from Ireland, whither she was restored, a lost one found again:—

“My ever dear friend. My dear mother received your kind letter with many thanks. I can hardly tell you how glad she was to see me.”

The mother wrote:—

“My earnest prayer daily is, that God will bless you and your family. Lizzie often talks of you as her best friend, and loves to look at your likeness.”

This one had left her home in Ireland in disgrace, abode in the Home here, was converted, it is believed, wrote to her

parents, who had known nothing of her whereabouts, met her at Derry, and gladly took her back again.

No. 12.—Writes from her situation in the States, grateful to the Home, and sends four dollars as a contribution.

No. 19.—Writes a very nice letter, full of gratitude to the Home, and of interest in those whom she had met there.

No. 22.

"I'm afraid of you getting cold that night you came to the cars with me. Dear mother, I thought my heart would break after you left me. I cried the whole way when I thought of leaving my first place of birth where I found Jesus. I feel very lonely. When gone to bed at night I take my dear Bible, and read a chapter, which gives me all the comfort I want."

Her mistress writes:—

"I have to thank you for your kind care of her, for I feel as if she belonged to me very closely. I shall be on the look out for a place for Maggy."

No. 24.

"I received your kind and welcome letter, very tired after my day's work, but after your dear letter I could have done another day's work and not be tired. Annie is sitting beside me while I write this, and she likes her place much. I'm with the kindest people in the world. Dear mother, could you go to see my father, and ask him to write to me, and tell him when he sees me again he won't have cause to be ashamed of me."

She names several of the girls, and adds:—

"I hope God will open their eyes and show them their sins, as he has shewed me mine. Dear mother, don't fear for me, I will never leave the path I have chosen, with God's help, till I die. Dear mother, I'm sending you four dollars, but if it was forty you should have it."

No. 25.

"My mistress has been very kind—like a mother. I give up my idol, (drink) for I have no idol now but Christ. God helped me to give it up. I never took it since I left Montreal."

At a later date she writes:—

"I'm well and enjoying my health. We are away from the city now. Wherever my mistress goes I go with her, for I am her waiting-maid. I bless the day I entered the good 'Home.'"

No. 63.—Is the case of a well connected young woman,

who boards in the Home at the cost of her brother. She seems quite separated from her former courses, but is dejected in spirit and declining in health.

No. 124.—Writing from her situation in the States :

"Annie — just came to see me, and asked many questions about you and the girls, and how the Home was getting on. Our houses are a good piece apart. My master's house is a mansion ; I can't call it anything else. My mistress is a nice lady. She is very particular—in fact, the most particular person I ever came across. She tells me to give you her compliments, and that she will write soon."

No. 43.

"Dear Mrs. Gowan,—It will be one of the foremost wishes of my heart to do all I can for the Home, for I never can forget the great kindness I received from you during my stay there, and I trust that the Lord will bless you and yours, for 'I was a stranger and ye took me in,' and was a mother to me and all the girls."

No. 61.—From her mistress :—

"In duty to you I write a few lines. I find Mary to be just what you recommended, and just what I needed. She does nicely, and seems contented. She is very anxious to hear from England, and I'm going to write for her. I can hear her singing in the kitchen as she irons."

No. 66.—A very satisfactory letter from her mistress, with whom she seems to have got a good place.

No. 68.

"I beg of you to forget and forgive the past hard feeling which existed between us, dear friend, as you have been a mother to me when I could not help myself. I beg of you to forgive me for all that was said and done. I never felt before so sorry for the ungratefulness I have shown you."

No: 83.

"I cannot express my thanks to you and other kind friends, who did so much for me at the Home."

No. 42... Writing from Boston, where two others with her from the Home got situations, through a lady in Montreal, says : . .

"The three of us live within ten minutes' walk of each other. Love to you, and God bless you every day, dear mother, for your kindness to me. Love to —, and —, and remember me to all. But, dear mother, I'm very lonesome, and miss the dear old Home very much."

Such are the work and its results—at all events some understanding of the work and its results may be thus afforded. Those who have had most to do with the Home, and who are therefore in the best circumstances to estimate results, have found their best anticipations realized. That there have been many grievous disappointments and discouragements, even in some of the cases at one time most hopeful, must be acknowledged. Some of these are very sad indeed. But upon the whole the success has been most encouraging, and one who has been engaged in most departments of benevolent enterprise—while very sensible of the delicacy and difficulty of a wise carrying on of this work, and of the many prejudices to be encountered and overcome, and of the need of wisdom, decision and grace, to deal fittingly with the varied and trying cases and questions which arise,—does not hesitate to pronounce it second to no other in its importance, and the good which may, by God's blessing, come out of it.

With this conviction, if desired by the Subscribers assembled to-day, another year's effort will be given to it in the same way as before. But discharge from it of the undersigned would be very comfortable relief from a considerable responsibility, and from a work in some sense really disagreeable. So that if a Committee should be named to-day to take it over from him he will be most thankful. It would still have any sympathy and aid which he could afford, though he would be unwilling to be one of a Committee, so satisfied is he that this work can best be carried on under the undivided ultimate responsibility of one person.

It is proposed to print this Report with its extracts and figures, and accounts in full, which will be without cost to the Home, Mr. Lovell having generously undertaken to do all printing for it without charge, and he has already done a good deal.

It is hoped that the statements and accounts will be found clear and satisfactory.

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The undersigned thanks the many friends who have given him money for this Home—all of whom he begs to be good enough to read this report. He also thanks those of the subscribers who have acceded to his request, and have taken the trouble to come to this meeting, for the further interest they thus show in the Home.

As the work has been very much that of an individual, so must the report be, and the whole is therefore respectfully submitted.

THOS. M. TAYLOR.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1868-69.

Charles Alexander,.....	\$250.00	J. H. Evans,.....	10.00
T. J. Claxton,.....	500.00	J. C. Baker,.....	25.00
Dr. Reddy,.....	108.30	T. B. (Cash),.....	25.00
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D. Torrance & Co.,.....	250.00	J. Watson,.....	10.00
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H. Lyman,.....	200.00	A. Rimmer,.....	10.00
J. G. McKenzie,.....	25.00	John Plimsoll,.....	25.00
Ira Gould,.....	10.00	Joseph Mackay,.....	100.00
		Thomas Peck,.....	10.00

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T. Davidson,.....	10.00	Dr. Campbell,.....	50.00
W. Darling,.....	10.00	A Friend, (G. R.).....	100.00
George Stephen,.....	50.00		
A Friend,.....	200.00		
E. A. Prentice,.....	50.00		
			\$8021.95

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Wm. Dow, per Executors,	600.00	Mrs. George Hagar, .. .	200.00
Wm. Moodie,.....	20.00	A Friend,.....	250.00
J. P. Wells,.....	10.00	C. C.,.....	10.00
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Martha,..... 1.75	6.75	G. A. Drummond,.....	50.00
Hatton Turnor,.....	50.00	Alex. Clerk,.....	20.00
Brother for Sister,.....	80.00	Nelson Davis,.....	4.00
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T. M. Thomson,.....	250.00	E. V. Moseley,.....	25.00
C. Alexander,.....	250.00	Gen. Russell, C.B., (Pro-	
F. McKenzie,.....	10.00	ceeds of sleigh, robes, &c)	240.00
H. A. Nelson,.....	250.00	J. C. Lonsdale,.....	50.00
Thomas Paton,.....	20.00		
Mrs. Thomas Kay,.....	50.00		
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Acknowledgments are made as follows:—Mr. Laird Paton's account for work and material, \$725 62, taken off \$109 62, paid \$616. Mr. A. Craig's account for work and material, \$307 62, taken off \$77 62, paid \$230. Mr. John Date's account, for work and material, \$255 50, taken off \$30, paid \$225 50. Mr. J. A. Matthewson's account, for Groceries, \$273 70, taken off \$23 70, paid \$250. Messrs. Kemp and Brown's account for Groceries, \$91.45, taken off \$16.45, paid \$75. Messrs. Prowse Brothers account for Stoves, Pipes, &c., \$50, discharged in full as a donation. Messrs. Ives and Allen, 12 handsome Iron Bedsteads. Mr. Clendinneng, 12 handsome Iron Bedsteads. Mr. Fairie, Lamps, Oil, &c. Mr. Harte, Drugs. Mr. Thompson, a Walnut Table. Mr. Lyman, Seeds. Mr. Evans, Seeds. Mr. Evans, Cooking Stove. Mr. Date, Copper Boiler. Messrs. Savage and Lyman, a Clock. Also sundry articles from the following friends:—Mrs. T. M. Thomson, Mrs. Claxton, Mr. Grafton, Mr. Turnor, Mr. Dougall, Mrs. Dougall, S. W., Mrs. T. M. Taylor, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Winks, Mrs. Capt. Trigge, Mrs. Reddy, and Mrs. Baylis. The City Treasurer kindly remitted assessment.

The "Home" in Account with T. M. Taylor.

DR. 1868 Contributions in money according to list. \$10739.55
1868 Paid for Property, 480 Upper Seigneurs street \$4400 00

The "Home" in Account with T. M. Taylor.

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1868 Paid for Property, 480 Upper Seigneurs street	\$4400 00	1868 Contributions in money according to list.....	\$10739 55
and Interest thereon.....	36 70	and Received from Matron.....	\$227 50
1869 Repairs & Alterations :-		1869 Less paid Matron.....	100 50
Paid L. Paton.....	\$616 00		
A. Craig.....	230 00	Interest on money in hand or invested	127 00
J. Date.....	225 50	Receipts per Matron's Income Register	979 11
	1071 50	Balance	124 96
Furniture and Material laid out by } T. J. C.....	290 00		
Do. per List.....	303 90		
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Provisions, J. D. & Co.....	300 59		
Groceries, J. A. M.....	250 00		
Do. K. & B.	75 00		
	625 59		
Salary, Mrs. Gowan.....	200 00		
Do. Miss Gowan	97 50		
	297 50		
Water Tax, two years.....	57 05		
Garden Work.....	29 00		
Fuel, part Account	93 34		
W. A. Curry, Commission	22 00		
Insurance (two years).....	53 95		
Expenditure per Matron's Register..	953 02		
In her hands	26 09		
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Invested (City Bonds, 87-88, \$4000)	3950 00		
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THE MEETING.

"The undersigned respectfully requests a meeting of all subscribers to the Female Home, at 480 Seigneurs-street, on Wednesday, the Eighteenth day of May, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive report of the work of the Home for its first two years, and of its financial position to this date.

Montreal, 30th April, 1870."

THOS. M. TAYLOR.

Under the foregoing call, which had been published in two city newspapers for a fortnight, only three subscribers assembled at the Home on Thursday, the 18th May. There were also two or three newspaper reporters present. Alderman Alexander was asked to take the chair.

The Reports and Accounts were submitted, and were spoken of as satisfactory. Messrs. John Dougall and T. M. Thomson urged continuance of the work, and so did the Chairman.

It was agreed that Alderman Alexander and Messrs. T. M. Thomson and George Moffatt be asked to be associate Trustees for the holding of the property, with the two named in the report.

As so few of the subscribers were at the meeting, extracts from the newspaper reports are here given:—

"It was noted that the success of this effort had been most remarkable. A fine property in a beautiful locality was bought and paid for, and a matron had been secured for the institution, who had a remarkable combination of qualities for the office,—this being, perhaps, the chief element of success in such institutions, and the most difficult to find. The importance of keeping an open door for such as wished to reform was dwelt upon, altogether irrespective of the results; as it would be a weight on every one's conscience if the fallen had no way of escape in a city like Montreal from their wretched course of life.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that the former institution had become extinct, and for two years there was no open door for Protestant unfortunates till the present effort, which originated to a considerable extent with General Russell, was matured. Several gentlemen had contributed liberally to establish this Home, as would be seen by the list, and a number more had promised assistance. In one or two cases his appeals had been unfavorably met, but he thought the means could never be lacking for such a charity as this, and he was sure that many who had never yet been

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reached by any appeal would gladly aid. A gentleman in St. John's, for instance, had sent a handsome sum from merely seeing acknowledgments of donations in the papers. The report which he had read would be published, with list of donors and statement of accounts, and extracts from the Matron's note book concerning interesting cases, and from the letters received by her from those who had reformed and were now in respectable positions."—*Witness*.

"The building is capable of accommodating 25 females, and is delightfully situated on the brow of the hill in rear of St. Antoine street west, and commands a magnificent view of the western part of the city and surrounding country for many miles. The house itself is a picture of neatness, and is well arranged and splendidly managed by the kind Matron, Mrs. Gowan, who deserves the thanks of the community for the manner in which she conducts the institution. We trust that the public will not only continue, but extend, the support they have already given to this institution."—*Daily News*.

"The report was adopted by the meeting, and Mr. Taylor was urged to continue his office of Director. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Thomson. The House will accommodate 25 females, and is situated upon a part of Seigneurs-street, commanding a fine view of the river and city. There is a capital garden behind, which is mainly cultivated by the inmates. Washing, sewing, quilting and netting is performed by the inmates, and adds something to the revenue. The attention of the public is specially directed to this. The matron, Mrs. Gowan, has the establishment in the best of order, so that all who enter can, indeed, feel themselves at home."—*Herald*.

The Root of the Social Evil is the undervaluing of the virtue of chastity in man by women. If the mother and daughter demanded on the part of the suitor, that chastity which is absolutely required by the other sex, the social evil would have received its death wound.—PETER BAYNE.