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## REPORT OF CONVALESCENT HOME.

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In presenting to the friends of the Home, a report of last summer's work, we would gratefully attribute the encouraging success of this labor of love, to the goodness of Almighty God, who never opens a door to any sphere of Christian usefulness without giving His blessing, if asked in faith, relying on the gracious promise, "In me is thy strength."

It was mentioned in last report, that a larger and more suitable house with an enclosed piece of ground, had been leased for three years,—which was opened on the 24th of June, on which day the Matron and eleven children arrived, and by the beginning of July all the rooms were filled with invalid women and children. The Home became so crowded, that the Doctor who visited the inmates advised to rent the adjoining cottage for one month, for the accommodation of the sick women, there being twenty children in the Home. It is with sincere pleasure we have to inform our friends, that all the invalids admitted were either restored to health, or almost so before they left, so that on their return home they could resume their work, or obtain situations. One woman, (who had three delicate infants under four years of age, who were inmates of the Home for one month) returned to her husband with her little ones restored to perfect health.

A Bible Class was conducted daily in the morning, at which all the women who were not confined to their rooms, and the children were present. The remembrance of that Gospel Meeting is very precious. The children's lessons were so well prepared, and the sweet hymns they sung with the Matron as their leader, gave a pleasing foretaste of that blessed Home into which pain and sickness cannot enter, and where around the throne of God, little ones, whose sins have been washed away in the blood of Jesus, will have their grateful song of praise to sing.

In adverting to this class, the kindness of Christian friends who assisted in conducting it, as well as the repeated visits of Clergymen from time to time are most gratefully acknowledged. Best thanks are also returned to Mrs. Freer, and several young ladies who kindly assisted in preparing for the annual sale. We had no expectation of its realizing over \$25, as so little work had been prepared for it; but unexpectedly two boxes arrived from Cacouna, one from Mrs. John Ross, the other from visitors residing at St. Lawrence Hotel, both containing useful and fancy articles of a very saleable description, which made the sale quite a success.

We desire again to express our indebtedness to those ladies, who, prompted by their kind interest in the Home so generously contributed these handsome donations of work. We would not forget to acknowledge the contributions of friends residing at Cap à L'aigle and Pointe à Pic; also an oil painting sent by Mr. Harrison of Quebec. Sincere thanks are returned to Dr. Cassels for the deep interest he took in the Home, and gratuitous visitation. All the inmates improved greatly under his medical treatment.

Several notes have been received from medical gentlemen, expressing their kind interest in the Convalescent Home, and their desire for its success, which will be appended to this report.

Subscriptions sent or given unsolicited by christian friends in aid of this charity, are most gratefully acknowledged. It is indeed pleasing as well as encouraging, to receive the necessary amount to carry on Christian work in this way, as it seems to come direct from the Lord. More especially small sums such as "small means" \$2, ditto \$2.

A young woman who was sent by the ladies of the Young Women's Christian Association to the Home for a month, returned to Montreal with health restored—collected \$3,10; and a little girl made by knitting a small sun, which they sent as their contribution. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

The widow's mite had His Divine approval when larger gifts were not mentioned.

The outlay of the Home was considerably increased last summer, as the purchase of beds, bedding, repairs on house, additional rent of cottage, added considerably to the expense ; however there is a small balance on hand.

There were thirty-two women and children in the Home during the month of July ; and twenty-one in August. Ten of the number were delicate children, taken from the Home and School of Industry, whose board and travelling expenses, were defrayed out of the funds of the Convalescent Home, except one little girl for whom a small sum was paid by her mother. The women were charged for board and washing at the rate of \$2 per week ; children half price. Several of the women left notes, expressing their gratitude to the matron, for her kindness and attention. In this connection we desire to express our entire satisfaction with Mrs. Smith's management of the Home. Her accounts were kept in a most satisfactory manner, the children had a mother's care, and the comfort of all the inmates was her constant aim.

A few kind friends have expressed their willingness, to act next summer as an advisory Committee : this will greatly assist and encourage, in carrying on this interesting work.

Ere bringing this informal report to a close, grateful thanks are returned to Mrs. Cornish for kindly writing the financial report ; to the Editors of the *Witness*, *Gazette* and *Star*, for gratuitous insertion of articles sent by friends interested in this Charity ; to Mr. E. Muir for a small box of medicines, and to the Richelieu Company for reduced fares. In a thankful and trustful spirit, we would commit the Convalescent Home, to the care of a Divine Providence, feeling that it commends its claims to the sympathy and support of Christian Friends.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. H.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand in 1875.....	\$ 61 24
Interest on ".....	2 10
Subscriptions.....	245 35
Received for board.....	115 25
Proceeds from Bazaar.....	102 15
Murray Bay Church Collection.....	60 00
Sunday School Collections.....	5 98
Donations by two young Girls.....	4 85
Paid by Mrs. F. ....	5 00
From Groceries sold to visitors.....	9 03
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	\$610 95

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent of Convalescent Home.....	\$110 00
Rent for Cottage for one month.....	30 00
For printing last year's report, and Advertizing.....	15 00
For Bedding, and Window blinds.....	18 75
To Tinsmith.....	12 00
Clothing and Table linen.....	25 76
Travelling expenses.....	56 60
Iron Bedsteads, and Oil can.....	08 50
Materials for Bazaar.....	14 50
Girls' Wages.....	13 00
Laundress.....	07 55
To Carpenter for House Repairs.....	12 83
Paid for Provisions in Murray Bay.....	159 12
Groceries bought in Montreal.....	60 08
Charettes, and Meat from Montreal.....	12 25
Paid for Medicines.....	08 16
Sundries and Stationery.....	07 83
Paid for Groceries for 1875.....	03 50
Paid for Express.....	03 00
Paid for Large Press for "Home".....	09 00
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	\$587 42

Receipts.....	\$610 95
Disbursements.....	587 42
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Balance in hand.....	\$23 53

MONTREAL, May 1876.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received by Miss Hervey,  
Care of William Spicer, Esq.,

~~14, Boulevard de la Reine, Montreal.~~

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01 24	Mrs. Spicer.....	\$10 00
2 10	Mrs. Murray.....	10 00
15 35	The Misses Murray.....	10 00
15 25	Lady Galt.....	10 00
02 15	Mrs. Henry Lyman.....	10 00
00 00	Mrs. Dow.....	10 00
5 98	Mrs. Mooney.....	10 00
4 85	A Friend.....	10 00
5 00	Mrs. James Gibb, Quebec.....	10 00
9 03	Mrs. E. Atwater.....	8 00
0 95	Mrs. Greene.....	5 00
0 00	Mrs. Drummond.....	2 00
0 00	Mrs. McDuff.....	2 00
5 00	Mrs. Dr. Burns.....	2 00
8 75	A Friend.....	2 00
2 00	Ditto N. J. S.....	5 00
5 76	H. Laing.....	5 00
6 60	Mrs. H. McLennan.....	5 00
8 50	Mrs. Claxton.....	5 00
4 50	Small Means.....	2 00
00 00	Ditto.....	2 00
7 55	A Friend, Murray Bay.....	2 00
2 83	Mrs. Hall, Quebec.....	4 00
9 12	Mrs. McGowan.....	4 00
0 08	A Friend.....	2 00
2 25	Miss McLimmont for a friend, M. Bay.....	2 00
8 16	Mrs. Thomson.....	5 00
7 83	Mrs. Irwin.....	1 00
3 00	Mrs. Reford.....	1 50
9 00	Mrs. Merrick.....	2 00
7 42	Mrs. W. H. H.....	5 00
	Sent by Miss McLimmont from a friend, Quebec.....	5 00
	Collected by a young girl who was restored to health by a months residence in the "Home." } 3 35	
	Handed to Miss Hervey by Miss Seymour proceeds of her Needle Work at Cacouna. } 1 50	
	A Friend.....	3 00
	Mrs. Muir.....	2 00

\$178 35

## GENTLEMEN'S SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	D. Morrice, Esq.....	\$20 00
	Anthony Force, Esq.....	15 00
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	Dr. Drake.....	5 00
	Dr. Hingston.....	5 00
	Dr. Dugdale.....	5 00
	Dr. Bell.....	2 00

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Montreal 23rd May 1876.

Miss Hervey,

Dear Madam,

I sincerely congratulate you on the success which has attended your effort, to establish a Convalescent Home for the sick poor at Murray Bay—How desirable, indeed how essential, a change of air and scene is to the treatment of many painful and chronic diseases have long been known to physicians, but hitherto unfortunately such relief has been restricted to but very few. I sincerely trust your philanthropic scheme may meet the support it so justly deserves, and that those whom Providence has blessed may be led to give out of their abundance in its support. To the charitably disposed I would say, that I know of no better way, of disposing of a donation than by giving it to your "Convalescent Home." With best wishes I remain,

Dear Madam

Yours very truly

J. M. Drake, M.D.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Montreal March 6th 1876.

Dear Miss Hervey,

I must congratulate you, on the successful result, of your efforts to establish a "Convalescent Home" at Murray Bay.

You rendered an important service in instituting the "Infant's Home" in Montreal; and the "Convalescent Home" at the sea-side supplies a long felt want.

I trust you will be spared many years, to continue your works of charity and benevolence.

Yours very sincerely,

W. H. Hingston.

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Beaver Hall Terrace,  
Montreal March 13th 1876.

Dear Miss Hervey,

It is with great pleasure I have learned, that you intend continuing at Murray Bay, during the coming summer the Home you established two years ago. The benefit it has been to many is in some degree recorded in the report already published, and the good it will accomplish will constantly increase as the Home and its objects become better and more widely known. An Institution of this kind is but the natural result or expression of the feelings of a prosperous civilized and christian people, who desire to extend to their poorer fellow citizens the benefits which they themselves enjoy. In other countries the "Seaside Homes" have long been remembered amongst the recognized and necessary benevolent institutions and many of them are magnificently furnished and liberally endowed or supported. Those who visit the poor and sick in the crowded, dirty and badly ventilated houses, courts and lanes in this and other cities, during the hot days of summer fully appreciate the benefits offered by a Home such as you have so benevolently laboured to sustain, when it is often the only means left of saving the life of a sick and exhausted child or mother—to say nothing of health renovated in many others who are by this means restored to active and useful life. Several of the sick children who had been inmates of the Home, I visited after their return, and found them fat, rosy and in the best of health. The donations, even though small, from a large number of well wishers, together with sums contributed by inmates who may be able to pay something, will I trust enable you to carry on this beneficent institution in a most prosperous manner during the ensuing summer.

Believe me,

Miss Hervey,

Yours very truly,

St. Mathew St.

John Bell.

31 St. Ursule Street.

Quebec, October 29th 1875.

Dear Miss Hervey,

Having had the honour to be professionally connected with "The Murray Bay Convalescent Home," during the months of July and August of this year, I trust you will not consider it out of place if I give you my opinion upon its management, working and merits. There can be but one opinion upon its necessity, that it is an establishment of the greatest utility and necessity, meeting as it does the wants of a large class of ailing women and children, suffering from diseases caused by insufficient food and air, too poor to bear the expense of change, in the ordinary acceptation of the term, and too independent to accept charity. Murray Bay possesses peculiar advantages for an establishment of the kind combining as it does, in such proximity to Quebec, splendid scenery, sea air, and bathing; during the past summer all the inmates benefitted very much by the fine air, good food, and kind care bestowed upon them by you and the matron Mrs. Smith, and without exception returned to their homes much improved in health and spirits.

With the kindest wishes for the continued prosperity and advancement of the "Home." Believe me dear Miss Hervey.

Ever yours sincerely,

James M. Cassels, M.D.