

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OTTAWA HOUSE OF REFUGE.

THE origin of the Institution will be best explained by the following circular, which was issued on the 9th March, 1870 :—

(Circular.)

HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE AND THE FALLEN.

THE Christian Public are hereby informed that it is in contemplation to open a House of Refuge for destitute Women and Children, in which they may find food, shelter, and employment,—associated with religious counsel and instruction—until they can be permanently provided for.

In order to commence the undertaking, the projectors require,—

- 1st.—Pecuniary means to provide for the rent of a suitable House, and to remunerate a Matron or House-keeper for her services.
- 2nd.—Furniture of a plain but substantial kind for Kitchen, Sitting-room and Bed-rooms.
- 3rd.—A supply of wholesome provisions, and wood for fuel.

Satisfied that success in this undertaking can only be secured by prayer, offered in faith to God, to whom the gold and silver belong,—the projectors do not intend to make any personal applications for assistance, and will not publish the names of donors; but every donation, whether in money or goods, will, at regular intervals, be so described in a pub-

lished report, as that each contributor will be enabled to recognize his gift; and a faithful account of expenditure will also be published.

Contributions in money or articles suitable for any of the above purposes, or articles which might realize money by sale, and cast-off clothing, will be thankfully accepted, on communication with

MRS. JAMES JOHNSON, Daly Street, East, or
MRS. JOHN TILTON, Russell House.

IN presenting this our Third ANNUAL REPORT, that the Christian public may see how our work has progressed, we desire first to acknowledge, with deep gratitude, the Lord's goodness in the provision He has made in various ways for the continuance of the work; and, though claims are now upon us, we believe God will touch the hearts of many to aid, in our present need.

We have much to praise and thank God for in giving us such love for the souls committed to our care, and for patience under the most trying circumstances. To Him be the praise, honour and glory! Recognizing His hand, in all our trials, He has not suffered us to become discouraged.

The work has assumed a different form, under the Providence of God, from what we first contemplated, in providing a shelter and refuge for those who have fallen early into sin, and through shame have left their homes, no one to pity them, no one to care for their souls.

All know there is no other home in Ottawa for

such cases, and if anything can be done to save them from falling into deeper sin, should we shrink from caring for them,—making such provision as will promote their best good?

At the close of last year, there were four adults and six infants in the Institution. Twelve women have been admitted during the past year; seven left of their own accord, two are at service, three still remain.

Four children were born in the Home during the year; one went out with its mother, two died, one still at the Refuge. Four children provided with temporary shelter.

At the close of this year's work there remain three women and five children in the Home.

It will be seen that although the work appears small the individuals provided for are such as could have found no other shelter in our city.

We have worked and laboured for their souls, knowing that God's power is greater than Satan's, knowing that "He is not willing that one should perish, but that all should be saved." We desire to wait upon God for all we need, in things temporal as well as spiritual, for wisdom and judgment in dealing with those He commits to our care, and to Him be all the praise.

We would thank our many friends, who by their means and prayers, have been our fellow-workers for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Our Financial Statement represents the expenditure during the year; and it will be seen there are

liabilities amounting to \$300, or more; but should this discourage us? Will not God put it into the hearts of many to help this branch of His work in our city? We do believe it, and feel assured in publishing this our Third Annual Report, that it will be the means of acquainting many, yet ignorant of the opportunity they have in contributing something, towards helping on this work for Jesus.

Our experience having led us to see the necessity of securing the sympathy and assistance of others in the work, in order that the burden might be made lighter, and that our unavoidable absence during the summer months might not prove an interruption or detriment to the Institution, we conferred with the Lord Bishop of Ontario, who expressed much sympathy, and assured us of his desire to co-operate, and to use his influence in enlisting the assistance of other Christian women.

The work will go on for the present under the same management, and on the same principle, as heretofore; and it is hoped several other helpers will soon be engaged to assist us in labouring to raise out of sin and sorrow the friendless and forsaken.

Again acknowledging the Lord's goodness, and our entire dependence upon Him, we submit this Report to the Christian public, remembering our Master's words, "I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Donations.

1 Writing Desk.
2 Currant Loaves.
2 Turkeys.
1 Goose.
2 Cans Fruit.
Sausages.
1 Pair Blankets.
2 Teapots.
1 Crock.
Forks.
Veal.

Butter.
Vegetables.
Tea.
Rice.
Fish.
Meal.
Meat.
Sugar.
Soap.
Cornstarch.
Half-Worn Clothes.

Receipts during Year 1872-73.

APRIL.

Collection in Presbyterian Church	\$31 50	
Washing	8 97	
Board of Child	2 00	
Contributions	2 92	
Sewing	0 40	
		\$15 79

MAY.

Collected by Friends	15 00	
Mrs. V., Ottawa	5 00	
Mrs. B., Ottawa	3 00	
A Widow's Mite	2 00	
Mrs. C., Brockville	5 00	
Board of Child	2 00	
Contribution	2 00	
Washing	7 43	
		41 43

JUNE.

Contributions	17 00	
Collected by Friends	8 00	
Board of Child	4 00	
Washing	2 00	
A Friend	1 96	
Mission Box	0 10	
		33 06

JULY.

Contributions	37 50	
Washing	24 50	
Collected in Baptist Church	6 81	
Board for Children	2 50	
Bazaar of three Little Girls	1 81	
Sewing	0 50	
		73 62

AUGUST.

Washing	5 00	
Sewing	0 60	
Contribution	0 50	
		6 10

SEPTEMBER.

Contributions	49 93	
Board of Children	6 00	
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NOVEMBER.

Thanksgiving Collection, Wesleyan Church	13 45	
Board of Children	11 00	
Thank Offering	5 00	
Contributions	10 50	
Work of Inmates	2 05	
Mission Box	0 48	
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DECEMBER.

Contributions	62 10	
Two Little Girls	1 21	
Thank Offering	2 00	
Mission Box	1 16	
Board for Children	3 20	
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JANUARY.

In the Name of Jesus	10 00	
Brockville	9 00	
Contributions	28 30	
Board for Children	5 00	
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FEBRUARY.

Contributions	2 65	
Brockville	5 00	
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MARCH.

Contributions		14 62
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The following is a SUMMARY of the CASH EXPENDITURE and RECEIPTS, from 31st March, 1872, to 31st March, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions.....	\$376 35
Work of Inmates.....	50 70
Payment for Board	35 20
Balance, March 31st, 1872	11 99
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	\$474 24

EXPENDITURE.


Paid for Provisions.....	\$310 58
Wages of Matron	64 21
Wood	49 15
Rent.....	30 00
Repairs and Sundries.....	39 90
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	\$493 84

Excess of Expenditure \$19 00

In addition to which there are Debts remaining unpaid,
Rent, &c., amounting to \$300.00.


Work solicited for Inmates, in Plain Sewing and Knitting.

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 Contributions sent to

MRS. JAMES JOHNSON,

Daly Street.

 Donations sent to

"HOUSE OF REFUGE,"

Augusta Street.

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A. B. JOHNSON,

ROBERTA E. TILTON.

OTTAWA,

July, 1873.

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