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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OTTAWA HOUSE OF REFUGE.

The second year of the existence of the Ottawa House of Refuge, having terminated, the Conductresses again respectfully present the public with the following brief account of its procedure.

The record is full of evidence of the goodness of God. To His direct Providential interposition it must be attributed, that the work has been sustained. Difficulties of no common kind have been encountered, requiring more than human strength and wisdom to overcome, but in each time of necessity, the promise has been remembered and graciously fulfilled. The ever recurring necessities of the Institution have been met without any direct appeal to individuals, and when such means as bazaars or public lectures have been brought into requisition, it has been the result of the benevolent desire of persons not connected with the work, to promote its success, and accepted as part of God's Providential plans.

The following is a monthly list of receipts, in which it will be observed that according to the principle announced at the commencement of the work, names are not published, but it is hoped that each donor will have no difficulty in identifying his or her contribution.

1870.			
April	3	Mission Box	\$4 97
	6	Mrs. D	5 00
	18	" K	3 85
	"	" I G	2 00
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			\$15 82
May	1	A Friend	2 00
	5	Anonymous Note.....	5 00
	6	Mr. M. C.	10 00
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		Carried forward	\$17 00
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			\$15 82

		Brought forward	\$17 00	\$15 82
May	7	Mrs. S.	5 00	
	12	For the Refuge	1 00	
	18	Mrs. R., Maine, U.S.	4 42	
	25	Friend	40	
	26	Mrs. M.	5 00	
	"	Mrs. P.	5 00	
	"	Mrs. H.	5 00	
	27	Miss W.	2 00	
				44 82
June	7	For the Refuge	2 00	
	"	Antimacassar sold	5 00	
	10	Mrs. J's	1 00	
	12	Mrs. S.	4 00	
	17	A Widow's Mite	2 00	
	18	Mrs. F.	1 75	
	25	Mrs. G.	5 00	
	30	Mrs. P.	75	
				21 50
July	5	Miss J's	1 20	
	6	Mrs. McK.	10 00	
	7	Miss W.	1 00	
	"	Miss J.	50	
	12	Mrs. H.	5 00	
	"	Mrs. W.	2 00	
	"	Proceeds of Lecture in Bank Street Church	18 00	
	14	Miss P.	1 00	
				38 70
August	2	Mrs. T.	2 50	
	"	In the name of Jesus	5 00	
	8	Proceeds of Lecture in W. M. Church	35 66	
	16	Mrs. C.	34	
	17	Miss W.	2 00	
	25	Proceeds of Juvenile Bazaar	2 97	
				48 47
Sept'r	4	Donation	65	
	13	Mr. G.	2 00	
	"	Mrs. J.	20 00	
	15	Mrs. T.	2 00	
	"	Cheque	4 00	
	19	Clergyman	10 00	
				38 65
Oct'r	19	Mrs. McL.	1 50	
	27	Cash	30	
				1 80
Nov'r	27	Proceeds of Bazaar in Gowan's Hall.	63 00	
		Miss W.	2 00	
		Miss W.	1 00	
				66 00
Dec'r	5	In the name of Jesus	10 00	
	"	For the Refuge	3 75	
	9	Miss H.	25	
		Carried forward	\$14 00	\$275 76

		Brought forward.....	\$14 00	\$275 76
Dec'r	5	Miss S., Halifax	2 00	
	"	Miss K	1 00	
	21	A Friend	2 00	
	25	Mrs. L.....	4 00	
				<u>23 00</u>
1871.				
January	4	Mrs. N	5 00	
	"	Woodstock, N. B.....	1 00	
	18	Mrs. B.....	5 00	
	20	Mrs. T.....	2 00	
	22	Mrs. S.....	1 00	
				<u>14 00</u>
Febr'y	5	Mrs. G.....	2 00	
	"	Donation	2 00	
	13	Miss L	5 00	
	"	Mrs. S.....	5 00	
	"	Mrs. K, Brockville	4 86	
	17	Donation	1 00	
	28	Mrs. S.....	75	
				<u>20 61</u>
March	3	Mrs. K.....	2 00	
	7	Miss W.....	1 00	
	11	Donation	50	
	16	A Thank-offering.....	1 50	
	25	In the name of Jesus.....	5 50	
	"	Donation from Proceeds of Penny Readings	50 00	
	26	Miss C.....	10 00	
	27	Miss L.....	10 00	
	28	From Halifax	1 00	
	31	E. V. J	2 50	
				<u>84 00</u>
				<u>\$417 37</u>
		Received for labour of inmates.....		104 57
		" towards support of infants, from their mothers out at service.....		24 00
		Balance on hand 1st April 1871.....		3 50
				<u>\$549 44</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Paid for Provisions and Groceries	\$170 59
" " small stores.....	18 73
" " services of Matron.....	77 37
" on account of rent.....	188 00
" for printing last year's report.....	10 50
" " clothing, soap, labour, &c	19 03
" " fuel and light.....	53 47
	<u>537 69</u>
Cash in hand.....	<u>\$11 75</u>

In addition to the Cash subscriptions, the Refuge is indebted to several kind friends for the following supplies:—

AUGUST.

Mrs. J's, one Italian iron ; Mrs. P., 2 lbs. butter.

SEPTEMBER.

Mrs. T., meat and tea ; Mrs. J., 1 sideboard, 2 pair blankets, turnips and onions ; Anonymous, crackers, washing soda, wood, butter and sugar, coal oil, rice and bread.

OCTOBER.

One mangle, paid for by subscriptions raised by a kind lady ; Anonymous, 1 lb. tea, meat and sugar.

NOVEMBER.

Mrs. G., bunch of yarn ; Anonymous, 1 cord wood, 1 bag potatoes.

DECEMBER.

Mrs. McK., 3 loaves bread, meat and apple pies and apples ; ~~Mrs. T.~~
N., dry goods, value \$7 ; Anonymous, 3 shanks beef and 2 lbs. bacon ;
Mrs. P., crackers, sugar and tea ; Messrs. G. & M., 5 pcs. dress goods.

JANUARY, 1872.

Anonymous, 1 turkey, piece of beef, carrots, tea ; Mrs. G., bundle of clothes and shawl ; Anonymous, meat, tea, sugar, washing soda, medicines.

FEBRUARY.

Sugar, soap and butter.

At the time of closing the foregoing account, the Institution was in debt to the amount of \$100, but in a short time, the unsolicited liberality of a number of benevolent friends, and donations from funds raised by "Penny Readings," &c., afforded the required relief, and added to the evidence already given of the unfailing watchfulness of the God of Providence, over all human interests which are committed to Him in faith. The particulars of these matters will appear in next year's report.

There were received into the Institution during the year, in all. sixteen adults, of whom three returned to their homes, seven were recommended to places as domestic servants, and have, in general, continued to afford satisfactory evidence of great improvement of character ; three left the Refuge without permission, and three remain as inmates, with hopeful signs of improvement of moral character and intelligence.

Five children were born in the House during the year, of

whom one died, one was taken home by its grandmother, two were taken by their mothers, who found means to provide for them, and one still remains and is cared for at the Refuge.

The present inmates of the Institution consist of four adults, of whom two are Roman Catholics and two Protestants, and six infants, besides the Matron and Nurse.

In reviewing the operations of the Institution since its foundation, two facts have been clearly illustrated.—First, that the permanent reformation of such as have sunk deep, and become hardened in crime, while not altogether hopeless, is a matter of very remote probability. Several such cases have been faithfully tried, and in more than one instance with a measure of success, but the general result is that the cravings of a depraved appetite for intoxicating drinks, assert such irresistible power over their half-awakened moral sensibilities, as to lead them to spurn control, and all the otherwise potent influences of kindness and persuasion; and in this connection it may not be amiss to allude to a very sad and deplorable fact, that there are in our city a number of creatures engaged in the lowest form of the bad traffic in strong drinks, who do not scruple to pander to the debased appetites of the poor beings who seek for safety in our Home, while under better influences, and even on the sacred Sabbath, in one instance, at least, such an one actually took the poor covering of one of the Refuge inmates in barter for a small quantity of the worst kind of the fiery spirit, and so, Satan-like, accomplished her downfall.

The other fact is of a more pleasing character. The comparatively young in years, and inexperienced in the grosser vices, can by the means adopted in this Institution, under the Divine blessing, as a general rule, be saved from further degradation, and restored to respectability and usefulness in the sphere for which they are fitted. In this particular the Refuge has proved a decided success, and has undoubtedly benefitted society in a ratio vastly in advance of the very limited outlay which its maintenance has involved.

It has now become a question of importance, and one which has given the Conductresses of the Refuge no small

amount of concern, whether the work shall assume a more extensive and permanent form. The small tenement hitherto occupied, and for which a high rental is paid, is but ill suited for carrying on the work in that systematic and effectual manner which is desirable. To answer well the desired end, a much larger and better appointed house is necessary, and such a house should not be subject to the vicissitudes of a rented tenement. The thought is therefore embodied in this report, for the consideration of the lovers of humanity, as to whether means may not be supplied for the purchase or construction of suitable premises for the purposes of the Refuge, and the Conductresses believe that, if it is God's will, it will be done.

The care of young infants, especially, constitutes one of the essential features of the Institution, and for the proper management of this department of the work, there should be room for complete separation from the other inmates.

With deep thankfulness to the "Giver of all Good," for the measure of success hitherto attending their efforts, and also to Christian friends who have in any way aided them, the undersigned respectfully submit this second report to a benevolent public.

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OTTAWA, 1st April, 1872.