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Research Paper Outline: Protestant Orphan Homes

My research paper is focused on protestant Orphans’ Homes and the women who ran them. I will be focusing mainly on how women of the POH’s were part of an evolution in the mid nineteenth century toward more empathetic child care. A woman having power was unusual at this time, and other homes did not have the same approach to care as Protestant Homes did. I will answer the question “what effects women had on Protestant Orphan homes, the community around, and institutional care?” I intend to expand on the relationships between women and the homes. And how both helped each other prosper. Protestant homes focused on raising children into proper members of society and giving them opportunities to have a better future. Throughout my paper I will discuss the influence of women through care within the home, women’s approach to apprenticeship, and how they impacted institutional care.

These three topics are discussed in my evidence I have chosen and will provide further proof and support my overall thesis. I will explain the role of women and the effects they had on Protestant orphans’ Homes through a primary source and other sources that further this interpretation. My primary source is the 1854 annual report and will offer insight to how the home operated and its purpose. In detail it discusses the role of women and how they had an impact from day to day as well as an overall impact. It gives examples on two tropics of my argument within the restrictions of the Toronto community. As well as my secondary sources will focus mainly on apprenticeship, and the impact women had on institutional care. Overall my three major topics should enhance my argument and in the end clearly expand how women strongly benefited Protestant orphans’ Homes.

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